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## Gay club forming Group doesn't seek official status

By P.J. GRAHAM  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Gays seeking a support group and a campus voice soon may have one at Missouri Southern.

An informal gay and lesbian group has been formed on campus. The group's initial flyers announcing meetings read GALA (Gays and Lesbians Alliance), but it does not yet have an official name and has not been recognized by the College.

According to organizer David Swenson, the group was formed for support reasons.

"We're not out to convert anyone," he said. "We're not out to push our sexuality on others. We are just a support group trying to help each other with our own issues."

Swenson, senior theatre major, got the idea for starting such a group after attending the National Association of Campus Activities convention last year. He heard other campuses had similar groups and decided to try it at Southern.

"For this area," he said, "at least that's progress. Being in the Bible belt, this area is very sheltered."

"People are very afraid about coming out of the closet."

So far, the group has not met much opposition on campus.

"I think a lot of people would disagree with it," Swenson said. "But my experience on this campus is they (the student body) are too apathetic to do anything about it."

Swenson said the group wants to keep a low profile in order to avoid disclosure of its membership. This has kept it from becoming an official campus organization. Any club seeking official recognition

by the College must submit a petition with 20 or more signatures from its members. The petition is then reviewed by the Student Senate.

Swenson said although many members prefer not to be known publicly, he does not eliminate the possibility of the group someday becoming official.

"It would be wonderful," he said. "But we're not quite ready for that."

Even if the group does become official, how long it will last is another matter. Several colleges and universities, including Missouri Western State College and Southwest Missouri State University, have no such organization.

"We had a Gay and Lesbian Alliance several years ago," said David Emmons, director of student activities at SMSU. "They were not harassed or anything. They just went inactive."

Besides supporting one another, the group has participated in panel discussions about homosexuality here and at Pittsburg State University.

Dr. Robert McDermid, part-time psychology instructor, taught the Human Sexuality class last summer where the panel discussion took place. He said it helped eliminate some misconceptions.

"There is a fair amount of discrimination against gays," he said. "Nobody knows why people end up to be homosexual or heterosexual."

McDermid said studies show approximately 10 percent of the population is homosexual.

Swenson said the panel discussion in McDermid's class went well.

"People have questions they are too afraid to ask," he said. "It was really nice to clear up some stereotypes and misconceptions."

## READY TO REIGN



Chris Cox/The Chart  
Emily Casavecchia, senior biology major, was crowned Homecoming queen Friday. She was representing Omicron Delta Kappa. Sigma Pi's Greg Banks, sophomore undecided, was named king.

## Campus raffles violate state law

'No exceptions,' says state official

By KAYLEA HUTSON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

One group affiliated with Missouri Southern apparently has violated the Missouri law prohibiting raffles, and another is making plans to follow suit.

The Football Lettermen's Alumni Association is currently holding a raffle during home football games.

Rick Ham, association president, said money raised will go directly to the football team. About \$500 has been raised toward the \$5,000 goal.

"We just wanted in this time of budget cuts to do something extra," Ham said, "so they can get some equipment that is not budgeted for."

During this raffle, \$1 chances are being sold for a five-day trip for two to Mexico. A drawing will be held during Southern's final home football game on Nov. 16.

The Student Senate also is planning to hold a raffle for four to six designated parking spaces on campus. The spaces would be raffled off, at \$1 per ticket this semester, to benefit The United Way. The fundraiser is awaiting approval by the College administration.

Bryan Vowels, Student Senate president, said he and Cami Davey, co-chair of the Senate's United Way committee, plan to discuss available parking spaces with College officials tomorrow.

Deborah Buckner, an assistant attorney general, said fund-raisers like those by the two Southern groups are illegal.

"We get a lot of calls from people wondering if being a non-profit [raffle] makes it different," Buckner said. "There are no exceptions."

Ham said he did not know of any law which would make the Lettermen's fund-raiser illegal. He said he was more concerned about breaking NCAA regulations than the state law.

"[This raffle] is no different than a church raffle," he said.

Vowels said he was unaware of the Missouri raffle law.

"That's something that I never knew," he said. "I don't know exactly what we can do. I don't know if there would be any problems."

Vowels said he has attempted to contact the Jasper County prosecutor, Southern's attorney, and Dr. John Tiede, College senior vice president, to discuss the legalities of a raffle, but was unable to reach them.

"I talked to Dr. [Glenn] Dolence (vice president for student services), and he said a similar situation came up three years ago," Vowels said. "He checked with the [Missouri] attorney general and went ahead with the program."

Under Missouri state statute, chapter 572, raffles are considered illegal if they contain three elements: consideration, chance, and prize.

"When the courts have looked at cases to decide whether it is illegal gambling, they look at whether they have these three factors," Buckner said. "The first element is chance—"

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## Puny groups' fighting 'B'

By T.R. HANRAHAN  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Editor's note: This is the eighth in a series of stories about Proposition B leading up to the Nov. 5 election. Next week's story will focus on the proposed name changes for some Missouri colleges and universities.]

With less than three weeks remaining before Proposition B goes to a vote, dissenting voices are beginning to be heard.

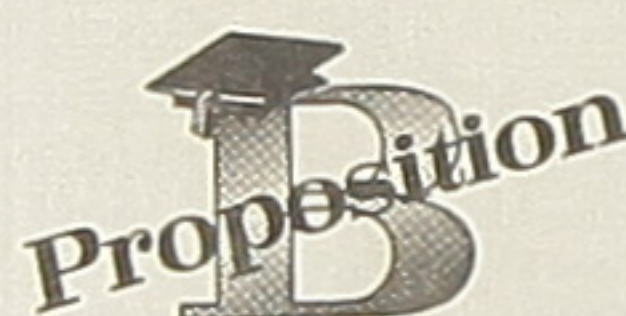
One opponent, however, is concerned if the voices will be loud enough to be heard in Jefferson City and across the state.

"We represent people without a voice," Peter DeSimone, executive director of the Missouri Association for Social Welfare, said. "We speak for persons without the means to get heard in Jefferson City except for whatever puny-voice groups like us can raise."

DeSimone said the people represented by MASW are those who will feel a financial sting from the measure but reap none of its benefits.

"Proposition B tends to depend on sales taxes, and that falls disproportionately on those least able to pay," he said. "A two-parent, two-child family with an income around \$5,000 will pay eight times as much as a percentage of their income."

"A family at the \$5,000 level does not file an income tax return and



therefore is not eligible for the tax breaks included in the package."

Mark Youngdahl, a former state representative from St. Joseph and co-chairman of Missourians Against Proposition B, is opposed to another portion of the measure.

"We are very much opposed to the corporate tax credits in the bill," he said. "With Proposition B, we are taxing everyday people like you and me for education and giving corporations tax credits. That is inappropriate."

Youngdahl and DeSimone agree the tax increase should address more than education.

"This is a major tax increase without all the bases being covered," Youngdahl said. "There are needs elsewhere, and the dollars are not being made available."

DeSimone says his group has come out in opposition because it perceives a lack of awareness on the part of state leaders about the deficiencies in the area of social services.

"It would have made sense if the state leaders made any commitment or showed any understanding that the problems are out there," said DeSimone. "It would have been ap-

propriate for the governor and the president pro-tem of the Senate to come forward and say 'This is education's year, but we know your needs exist and we have a commitment to social services.'"

"They didn't do that and have demonstrated that they don't know, don't care, or both."

Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia) said there is a realization of the needs in other areas and asks MASW to look at things another way.

"Those are thinking people, and they may have wanted to make a statement that they should have been included, but I wonder how they can go into a polling place and vote against something that helps kids," Wilson said. "We realize no one is getting everything they wanted."

"Certainly education received the priority this year, but in the process I think we have given them one of the greatest social services of all—education. We will salvage a lot of children's educations with this."

Proponents of the measure have said that Proposition B is the last chance education has for a funding package within the next several years, but Youngdahl disagrees.

"That is bull," he said. "If this doesn't go, higher education is only a year or two off from something."

"There are a number of people who will vote for a fair tax for education, but this is not it."

## Concrete piece almost hits instructor

By JOHN HACKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Concrete from a portion of the ceiling in Reynolds Hall fell Tuesday night, nearly striking an instructor.

A piece of concrete nearly eight inches long, three inches wide, and one inch thick fell, knocking out a ceiling panel and landing near Dr. Erick Cassens' office.

"I heard it fall, but I didn't see it because my back was turned," said Cassens, professor of mathematics. "It came through the tile and made noise like someone dropping their books."

structor had been standing in that area minutes before the concrete fell.

Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant, said the piece was not structural in nature.

"It was just a steel-covering layer of concrete that didn't hold up anything," he said.

Beeler said the piece fell from an area of the building where a 1987 addition connects to the original structure.

"The concrete fell from a joint in the construction," he said. "We will have a carpenter open up the area [today], and I'm hoping what I will find is just a piece of concrete that didn't get pulled off cleanly during

the construction."

A number of factors could have contributed to the piece falling, Beeler said.

"I'm hoping that through the course of air handlers and other equipment vibrating and building occupancy, the piece just fell."

Beeler said he would be meeting with the College architect and would discuss the problem with him.

He said this was an isolated incident and the buildings are sound, structurally.

"I'm super proud of these buildings; they are all high-quality structures," he said. "I came from a place where you couldn't say that."

## GOIN' FISHIN'



Kaylea Hutson/The Chart  
Brian Clark (left) and Brad Smith catch minnows in the Biology Pond during the Homecoming picnic.

## Thieves target four cars on campus

By JOHN HACKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Four thefts on campus made Tuesday a busier than usual day for Missouri Southern security.

Bill Boyer, chief of campus security, said a total of four cars were broken into. Three of the break-ins took place between 9:45 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. Tuesday in three different parking areas: on the roadway adjacent to Hearn's Hall, in the Young Gymnasium lot, and in the lot at Hughes Stadium.

The fourth occurred in the residence hall lot near Webster Hall between Sunday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon, according to Craig Richardson, security officer.

"We don't know if the one near Webster Hall was connected to the three on the main campus," Boyer said. "The thefts on campus all oc-

curred within about 15-20 minutes."

The theft near Hearn's was discovered at 10:07 p.m. by Mike Fox, maintenance technician, while driving past the scene. Fox and Richardson had last checked the area at approximately 9:45 p.m.

Missing from the Pontiac Firebird were a radar detector valued at \$199, the rear-view mirror, and the owner's senior key.

While filling out a report on the incident, Richardson said another student drove up and reported his pick-up truck had been broken into.

The security report on the pick-up burglary stated the student had locked his keys in his truck and had gone to get his spare keys from his residence hall room at approximately 10 p.m.

When he returned, he found the driver's side window broken and nothing missing.

Another theft occurred in the

Hughes Stadium parking lot. A student reported his Volkswagen Beetle had been broken into.

"About 10-15 cassette tapes were missing and the thief attempted to steal the stereo," Richardson said. "The mirror from the Firebird was found under the VW, and we think the thief used it to break the window."

"Because one stolen item was found under another car we think someone went along looking into cars for something to steal," Boyer said.

There were other indications the thefts might be related.

"All the windows broken were driver's side windows," Richardson said. "All the thefts occurred in the same general area."

The theft near Webster Hall involved a Chevrolet pick-up and was discovered Tuesday afternoon. According to the security report, a stereo system worth \$300 was stolen.



# LeBahn publishes book of memoirs

## Stories recount 'escapades' of grandfather

By **BRYAN MEARES**  
STAFF WRITER

Words bringing turn-of-the-century experiences to life is allowing Elmer Mills to relive his life.

His granddaughter, Lori LeBahn, director of orientation at Missouri Southern, has published a book containing 39 stories from his memoirs.

*Escapades of a Drifter* recounts incidents in Mills' life from the early 1900s through the mid-1970s, when he began writing the stories.

"He'd go down to the barn and write them in this little book we gave him for Christmas," LeBahn said. "He filled that book within a couple of years."

Mills' family was unaware of the stories until some 10 years later.

"We really didn't know about them until he started bringing out the stories and letting us read them," LeBahn said.

His earliest story dates back to 1908, while his latest entry is from 1975. Mills developed his writing skills while attending college in Lubbock, Texas.

"The teacher would enjoy his stories so much that he would read them to the class," LeBahn said.

Family members found Mills' stories amusing and LeBahn wanted to preserve them. She spent eight months in 1985-86 transcribing the stories. She then distributed them among the family. The stories were left in their original form.

"The way he wrote them is the way they are in here," LeBahn said.

"The only editing we did was if anything was spelled wrong or if there were punctuation errors."

Two years later, she had five of Mills' stories published as a part of *The Journal of Western Oklahoma*.

"That was OK, but I wasn't really satisfied with just getting part of them published," LeBahn said.

Since she could not find a publishing company to produce his stories in their entirety, LeBahn formed her own company, Posterity Publishing, and contacted a friend who could typeset the text for her.

"I checked all the legalities to make sure I wasn't doing anything wrong, and they said as long as it was a family project and I don't sell it commercially, then I'm not breaking any laws," she said.

She received 500 copies of the book in late August.

Copies of the book are \$10 apiece and available only through LeBahn.

"I'll probably never sell all 500 books but I'll have them, and now I feel like my history will be preserved through that book," she said.

LeBahn's name is not mentioned in the book itself.

"I give myself no credit for it. I wouldn't let him (her grandfather) give me any credit for it in the dedication," she said.

LeBahn is glad the seven-year project is finally completed.

"I'm glad because I was afraid something would happen to him [before its publication]," she said.

Mills lives in Seneca with Bessie, his wife of 55 years. He sits and reads the stories daily.

"He knows he's done something good, but he doesn't want fame or fortune. He said to me, 'Lori, if that Johnny Carson calls me, I'm not going,'" LeBahn said.

## COLLEGIATE PLATES

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University of Missouri-Columbia	612	0	Central Missouri State Univ.	46	0
Washington University	256	0	Northwest Missouri State Univ.	36	0
St. Louis University	161	0	University of Missouri St. Louis	20	0
Southwest Missouri State Univ.	144	0	Missouri Southern State College	18	0
University of Missouri-Rolla	104	0	Columbia College	11	0
Southeast Missouri State Univ.	77	0	Rockhurst College	0	20
Northeast Missouri State Univ.	63	0	Westminster College	0	25
Total Approved & Keyed: 1548			Pending: 45		

## Southern behind in plate sales

### Lack of publicity possible reason

By **ANGIE STEVENSON**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Collegiate license plates are becoming a hot item at some state schools, but Missouri Southern's response is comparatively close to last.

Eighteen Southern plates, depicting the College's name and logo, had been approved and keyed through Sept. 30. While this number has doubled since August, it still is less than other state colleges. James Callis, motor vehicle bureau administrator, said it is just a matter of getting the word out.

"They seem to multiply when you get a few on the street and people see them," he said.

Kreta Gladden, alumni director organizing collegiate plate requests at Southern, believes it will take some time for the College to catch up with other schools who have been offering the plates longer.

"If you look at the dates, you will see that most of them began well before we did," she said. "Once people start seeing them—we've got a few on the road now—they will know they're available and things will start to pick up."

So far, mostly faculty and alumni

have shown interest in the collegiate plates. Gladden anticipates student inquiries to increase in the future.

"I think it's a little early to say they (students) won't be interested," she said. "They've been concerned with getting here on campus, getting enrolled, and getting settled into classes. Maybe they didn't realize the plates are available, or don't know where or how to get them."

One student, Robert W. Simmons, a sophomore pre-engineering major, has not seen the plates around. He said "maybe they haven't been publicized enough," but thinks they are a good idea.

"It would be one way you could definitely tell someone's a student," he said. "It's good for school pride." Simmons, a transfer from the University of Missouri-Rolla, saw some collegiate plates there last year. He said mostly faculty and staff had the plates at UMR.

A \$25 donation to the College is required before application. The state charges the same amount for collegiate plates as personalized plates. Gladden does not think cost is a factor in response.

"Those who are already buying a personalized plate only have to make an additional donation to the Col-

lege," she said. "And those who have already made a donation to the College [since Jan. 1, 1991] only have to buy a personalized plate."

To initiate the program, in May Gladden mailed 485 emblem use authorization statements to individuals who had given \$25 toward scholarships or other academic purposes. How many of these people went on to purchase the plates is unknown.

"We don't really have any way of knowing the response from the initial mailing we did," she said.

Callis is in the process of sending posters to Southern showing pictures of all collegiate plates in the state.

"We've done a little more advertising up here [in the central part of the state], and I think it's helped," he said. "We're going to try to get some displays sent down there to put up where you get your license."

The University of Missouri-Columbia leads the state in sales with 612. Behind Southern is Columbia College with 11 plates. Two colleges, Rockhurst and Westminster, currently have no plates officially approved. However, both have a greater number than Southern pending.

For more information concerning collegiate plates, persons may contact Gladden at 625-9355.

## 4 groups get funds

By **KAYLEA HUTSON**  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

During last night's session, the Students' Association voted to divide \$2,500 among four student organizations leaving \$7,778.41 in its treasury.

With limited debate, the leaders and mascots. The group requested \$1,000.

According to Heidi Oakes, leader sponsor, the funds are used to supplement their own budget. They plan to use them for travel expenses to these games and mascot uniform and repair.

The Senate also voted to allocate \$417.09 to the Students' Association Dental Hygienists' Association reimbursement for a convention attended in St. Louis last month.

Phi Alpha Theta received \$1,000 to cover expenses for one student to attend its national convention in Chicago in December.

Dr. Sara Sale, club representative, told the Senate that Julie, senior history major, will attend convention and represent Missouri Southern on several occasions. Jones also will present a paper at the undergraduate session.

In its final allocation of funds for the evening, the Senate gave the Young Democrats for the coming conventions.

According to Alecia Ward, treasurer, she and Deanna, president, plan to attend a convention at Lake Murray, tomorrow. They also plan to send the club at a national convention in Albuquerque, N.M.

In other business, Elaine, representative from United Way, explained how money from a Senate fund-raiser would be

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# Wilson lobbies for 'B' at picnic

By T.R. HANRAHAN  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia) was on campus Friday and Tuesday to lend support for Proposition B. He compared the work necessary to secure passage of the \$385 education reform bill to a war.

"Between now and Nov. 5, you and I will be soldiers in an army," Wilson told the all-campus Homecoming picnic Friday. "We will be fighting to keep 40 school districts in Missouri from closing down and fighting to keep higher education from being cut."

"I don't want that happening on watch, and you don't want that happening on your watch. You are the generation with energy. You can make a difference."

Wilson, in his fifth year as chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, spoke later Friday at a reception hosted by Missouri Southern's Young Democrats. He again stressed the importance of Proposition B.

"This was put on the ballot to be a step forward for elementary, secondary, and higher education," he said. "What we did not foresee is that this is ending up to be a lifeline for quite a few school districts."

Wilson suggested ways students, faculty, and staff might respond to objections to the bill.

"Many of the opponents [of Proposition B] compare this to the lottery," he said. "I can only say this is different from that as night is to day."

"Yes, the lottery was not sold properly, and it is difficult to trust politicians when they say this money will go solely to education. But do not punish 80,000 school kids for that."

Businesses support Proposition B because it makes good business sense, Wilson said.

"When major companies like Anheuser-Busch and Monsanto donate \$30,000 to something, it must be because it is in their best interest to do so," he said. "They are saying 'We want to stay in your state, and we want your graduates.'"

"This is business saying that they have a concern."

Wilson said tax increases included in the bill are minimal.

"This package is elderly friendly and farmer friendly," he said. "The average additional tax burden on a family of four would be just 42 cents a month."

Wilson, a candidate for Missouri lieutenant governor, was asked about executive branch support for the measure.

"I've seen for decades leaders in this state dismantling education," he said. "I know the governor supports this bill. A lot of people are wondering about visibility, though. It is fine to have a Roger Wilson here, but it naturally does not stir the hoopla of a visit from the governor."

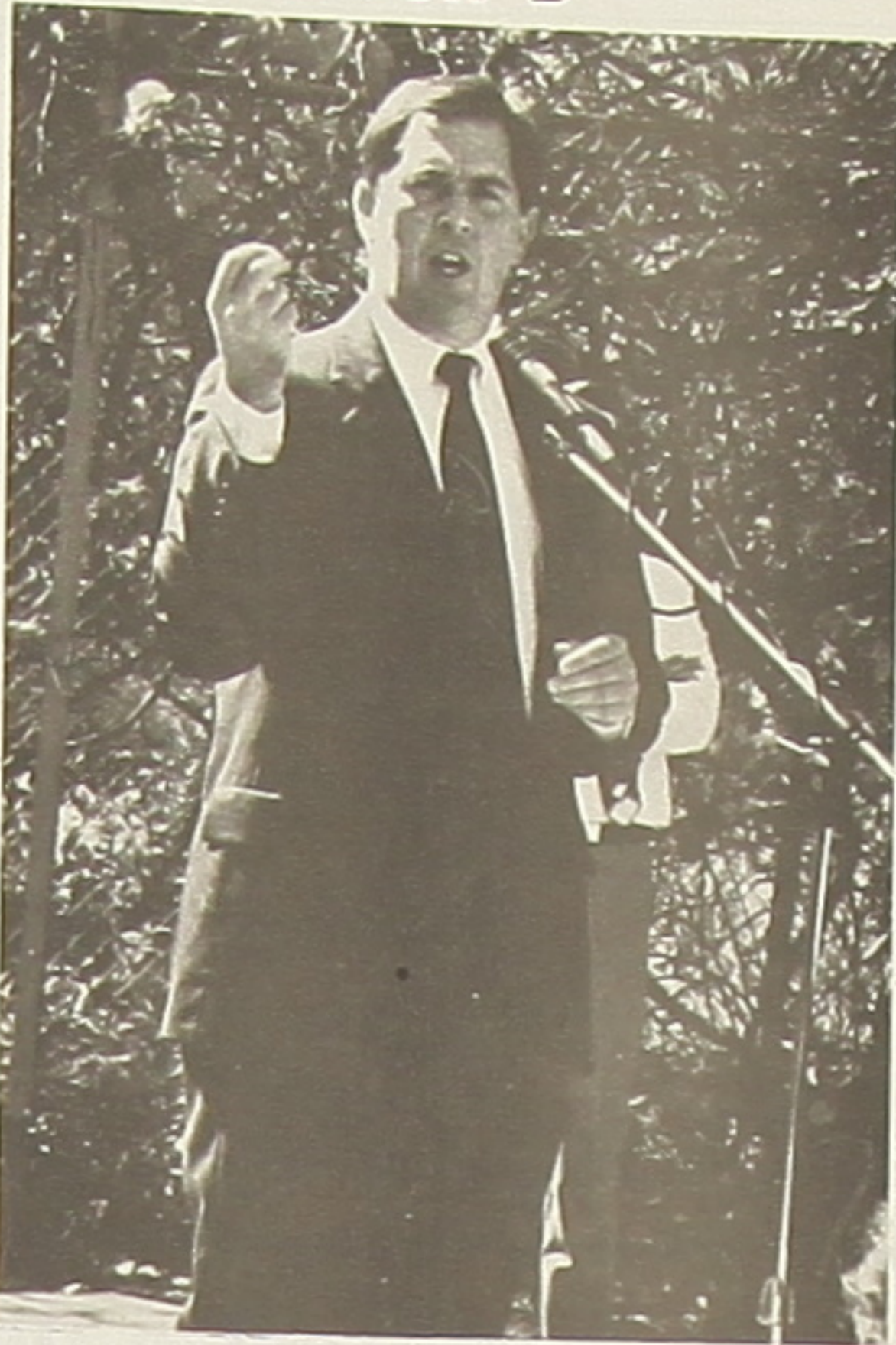
Wilson also said he supports the recommendation of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education for the Webster Communications and Social Science Building at Southern.

"The project definitely will have my support on the Senate side," he said. "The Senate has always felt it was a high priority. As long as I am appropriations chairman that will not change."

If Proposition B is passed, the additional funding could make a difference in the building's progress, Wilson said.

Wilson reiterated most of his comments Tuesday in an address at a faculty reception. He also plugged his campaign for lieutenant governor.

## STUMPING FOR 'B'



Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia) speaks to students in favor of Proposition B during Friday's Homecoming picnic at the College.

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you don't win based on your ability, you win at random in a drawing.

"The second element is something of value (a prize)."

"The third element is consideration—in order to have a chance to take part of this random drawing you have to give up something. Usually if there are these three elements the court finds it illegal."

According to Buckner, enforce-

ment of this law is left to the county prosecutor.

Blake Wolf, assistant prosecuting attorney and assistant professor of law enforcement at Southern, said his office generally does not prosecute not-for-profit organizations.

"If a raffle is being conducted by a non-profit organization, or something of that nature, then typically we do not proffer any charges in

# Security takes steps to decrease speeding

## Officers experiment with radar guns

By JOHN HACKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Speeding, a problem usually reserved for city streets and highways, has become a concern on Missouri Southern's roadways.

According to Bill Boyer, chief of security, the problem is on the increase at Southern and on other campuses.

"It's a very serious problem, and I've asked other colleges how they are handling it," Boyer said. "My question to them is 'Have you noticed an increase in speeding on your campuses?' and the answer has invariably been yes."

The speed limit on campus streets is 15 mph and is posted at all entrances, Boyer said.

"The fine is \$25 for excessive speed," he said.

The problem could be a related to the campus' geographical location, Boyer said.

"We're unique in that, unlike colleges such as Pittsburg State, you don't have to drive through town to get here," he said. "We have two major roads that are four lanes, and you're used to driving swiftly to school."

"There is no incentive for you to slow down before you get here, and

there is nothing to slow you down on campus."

Boyer said speeding is a serious threat to pedestrian safety.

"So many pedestrians hit the crosswalks and, quite frankly, don't look either way before stepping out," he said. "They just step out there and assume everybody is going to stop. So far, I guess they have."

Campus security has explored some measures to catch those who break the speed limit.

"We were trying out an old, antiquated radar gun that was still usable," Boyer said. "We were going to try to make people aware that we did have radar, but it didn't work out."

Currently, officers make their own determination as to when a person is speeding.

"It's just a judgment call by the security officers, and the person who gets a citation is entitled to appeal," Boyer said.

While officers will chase and detain offenders when necessary, Boyer said they would prefer to get the license and sticker numbers of the violators.

"It's not our intent to engage in hot pursuits," he said. "There are many stories of hot pursuits ending in tragedy."

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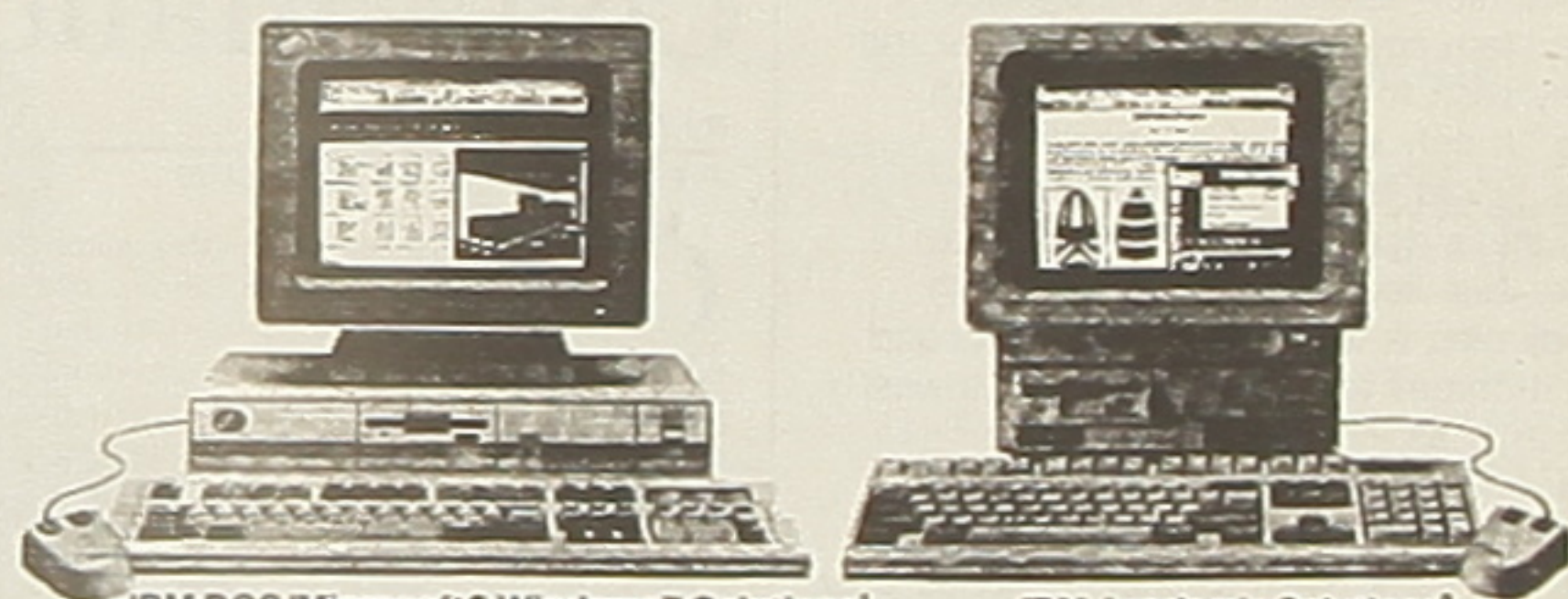
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## It's the law

The ends do not always justify the means.

The Football Lettermen's Alumni Association and the Student Senate are holding or planning to hold raffles for some very worthy causes. The question, however, is whether in the rush to do something very right they inadvertently did something a little bit wrong.

According to the Missouri attorney general's office, the legality of the raffles in question is clear: they aren't.

We congratulate both groups on their initiative to provide some money for two very worthy and deserving causes.

Neither the validity of the cause nor the intent of the groups or individuals involved is in question. They clearly believed they were operating a legal game.

The long arm of the law and the heavy hand of the county prosecutor undoubtedly will look the other way. After all, who wants to write a Boy Scout a ticket for jaywalking a little old lady across the street?

We would like to remind the groups, churches, and schools who seek ways to raise money for good and just causes to step back and think about the legalities involved. Hold a bake sale. Get a garage sale license and sell your junk. Beware, however, when you enter into games of chance.

Enforced or not, the law is still the law.

## Coming out

Homophobia lives.

Last spring, a support group for gay men and women began to build a membership at Missouri Southern. This year, they are seeking to build upon that base and are cautiously considering seeking recognition by the College.

Why haven't they done this already?

Because, as the group's organizer puts it, they're "not quite ready for that."

He says the group is working to maintain a low profile in order to protect the identities of the members.

How sad this is, coming so soon after National Coming Out Week, that a group of students with interests and concerns is made to feel "afraid" to be recognized.

They "are not out to convert anyone" nor do they wish to "push our sexuality on others." If only some of the accepted groups would follow their example.

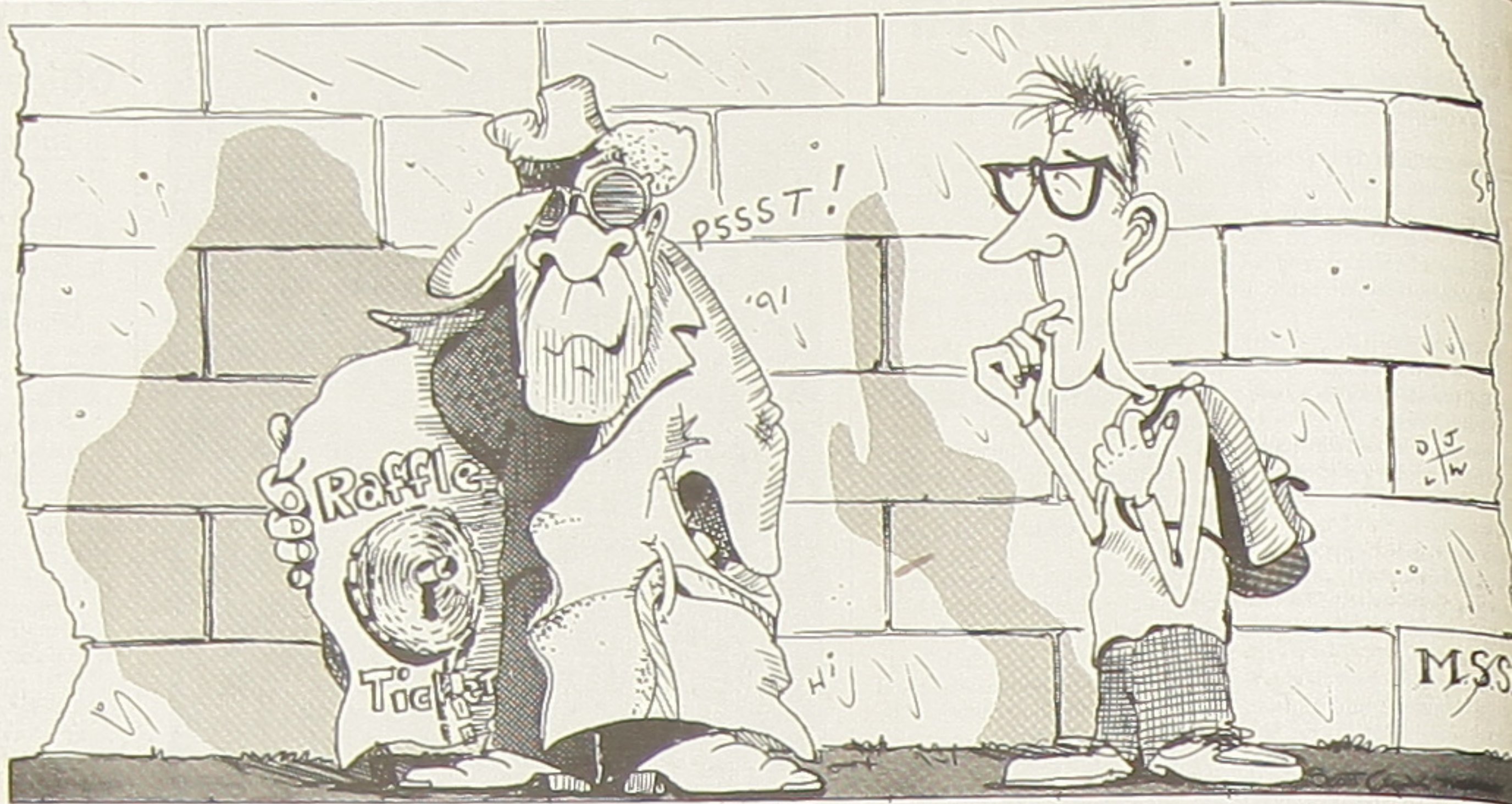
Oh, that's right. No one's against gay people. Just keep them at arm's length.

Predjudice is the child of ignorance and, when it comes to homosexuals, southwest Missouri is as ignorant as it gets.

Fear and insecurity have no place on a college campus. We are here to open our minds, yet some wish to shut out ideas they find different or strange.

We salute David Swenson for helping to provide a support group for a subculture that is continually victimized by hate crimes at worst and covert prejudice at best.

We hope the group will "come out" and find a name and a place in the campus community.



## One plus one does not always equal two

By ANGIE STEVENSON  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

One plus one equals two. There's not much point arguing this. In the case of mathematics, equality seldom is disputed. When considering the phrase "all men are created equal," however, it becomes quite another story.

Minorities (such a flattering term), most recognizably women and blacks, long have been struggling to gain equal treatment. Their cries have not gone unnoticed either, as many advances have been made. Quotas have been established in the work force; laws have been passed to protect minorities from discrimination. Chauvinists, sexists, bigots, and racists are now shunned; that is, if they make their views public. Has the problem been solved? Are all men (women too?) now treated equal? Of course the answer is no. In fact, in many ways the tables have turned. It seems that in some instances today, men, more specifically white males, could potentially find themselves holding the short end of the stick.

Consider quotas for example. A position is open, and the candidates have been narrowed down to two qualified individuals. If one was a white man and the other a minority, who would most likely be chosen for the job? Several years ago the odds would side with the white man. Today, as employers struggle to meet quotas, the minority stands the better chance of being



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hired. It may seem as though we've made progress on the surface, but have we really? One person still is hired over another, not on the basis of qualifications, but because of sex or race. Hiring a lesser-qualified minority to meet a quota is no better than hiring a man because he's a man. In trying to pacify the outspoken minority, overcompensation has been the result. Equality certainly has not been gained.

There are other areas, too, in which the attempt to gain equality actually has promoted inequality. Recent sexual harassment allegations against Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas are one example. Here is a case of a man's entire reputation on the line because a woman took offense to sexual comments Thomas may or may not have made. Although subtly, the entire situation is laced with inequality concerns. Senators stand to be labeled racists or sexists, depending on the vote they cast.

The whole vaguely defined issue of sexual harassment is bothersome. Women who want to be treated as equals take offense to such seemingly harmless acts as simple compliments. If a male tells a female co-worker she looks nice, is this sexual harassment? Men are now forced to walk a tightrope when it comes to friendly exchanges. Of course, women have many times been instigators in dialogues of the like themselves. Certainly there are some clear-cut instances which could be labeled harassment, but other areas of the issue remain quite gray. If a woman looks a second too long at a man, she is coy. The situation in reverse would label a man a pervert. If equality

was truly a goal, the same standards would apply to both.

Such double standards are evident in the conflict as well. Racism is not white versus black; it is prejudice against any person on the basis of race. Is not the phrase "It's a black thing" racist? Or is it only be racist to say "It's a white thing" or "It's a Hispanic thing"? There is Black Entertainment Television and Miss Black America. Are white women allowed to participate in this beauty pageant? Why the specific title? Understandably, African-Americans are proud of their culture and heritage. For other races are proud of their cultures, too. By admitting differences, is inequality promoted?

Here is the problem. Women are different from men. Blacks are different from whites. All men are not created equal. If they were, individuality would be lost and we would be living one boring existence (besides the fact that if women and men were different, reproduction would be a neat trick). To not to say, however, that all men should not have equal rights. If minorities want to run for President of the United States, they should have that right. Fortunately if this happens, society will ignore the candidate's qualifications. It is human nature, it seems, to emphasize differences and similarities. If the time is to come when all are treated equally, it is probably far in the future.

In the meantime, equal rights activists should continue their fight to end the notion of superiority. They should also, however, look in the mirror occasionally to make sure they aren't guilty of sexism or racism themselves. One plus one does, and probably will, equal two. But when the worth of all people is seen as equal remains to be seen.

## Confirmations an 'exercise in attrition'

By BRETT CUMMINGS  
PRESIDENT, SOCIAL SCIENCE CLUB

Given the chance to write this column during this particular week in history, and being a history major, it seems obvious that I should talk about what has been on everyone's minds for the past week or so: the confirmation hearings of Judge Clarence Thomas. Instead of providing the rope for my own hanging by discussing the oh-so-hot issue of sexual harassment (you will probably be able to read about 25 other articles on that topic this week) I would like to point out a few things that have struck me over this course of the Thomas hearings.

One of the things that jumps out at me about the hearings is the ridiculous nature of the proceedings. In recent years, since the



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nomination and subsequent U.S. Senate rejection of Judge Robert Bork, the confirmation process has become an exercise in attrition. The main tactic that candidates since Judge Bork have used is to simply evade questions on sensitive issues, the most sensitive obviously being abortion. The first to use this technique is now a Supreme Court justice. Antonin Scalia was approved by the Senate without a dissenting vote. In 1990 David Souter rode this strategy to a seat on the high court with only nine senators casting their votes in opposition. Judge Thomas is obviously a graduate of the Scalia-Souter School of Tough Question Evasion. When Sen. Joseph Biden, judicial committee chairman, questioned Judge Thomas about his views on natural law (which closely ties in with the subject of abortion), the nominee declined to answer on the grounds that it might affect his ability to rule impartially on issues concerning that topic. Like

Scalia and Souter, Thomas was well on his way to confirmation before Anita Hill went public with her allegations.

Even before the Thomas hearings degenerated into a second-rate soap opera, we had learned little about Clarence Thomas the man. The coming series of questions and denials will tell us little about his ability to be a good Supreme Court justice. We will know about Thomas now is that he is an excellent legal scholar and has a respectable, if somewhat spotty, record, as a federal appeals judge. As for the allegations of sexual harassment, the public will never know what happened. Anita Hill has already undergone a polygraph examination, and I have no doubt Judge Thomas can do the same if he chooses.

One of these two Yale law graduates is lying. I for one cannot tell who it is. The confirmation hearings have been great theatre, but excruciatingly full theatre as we have watched two esteemed institutions irreparably damaged. The real tragedy is in the end we won't know anything more about Clarence Thomas than we did before.

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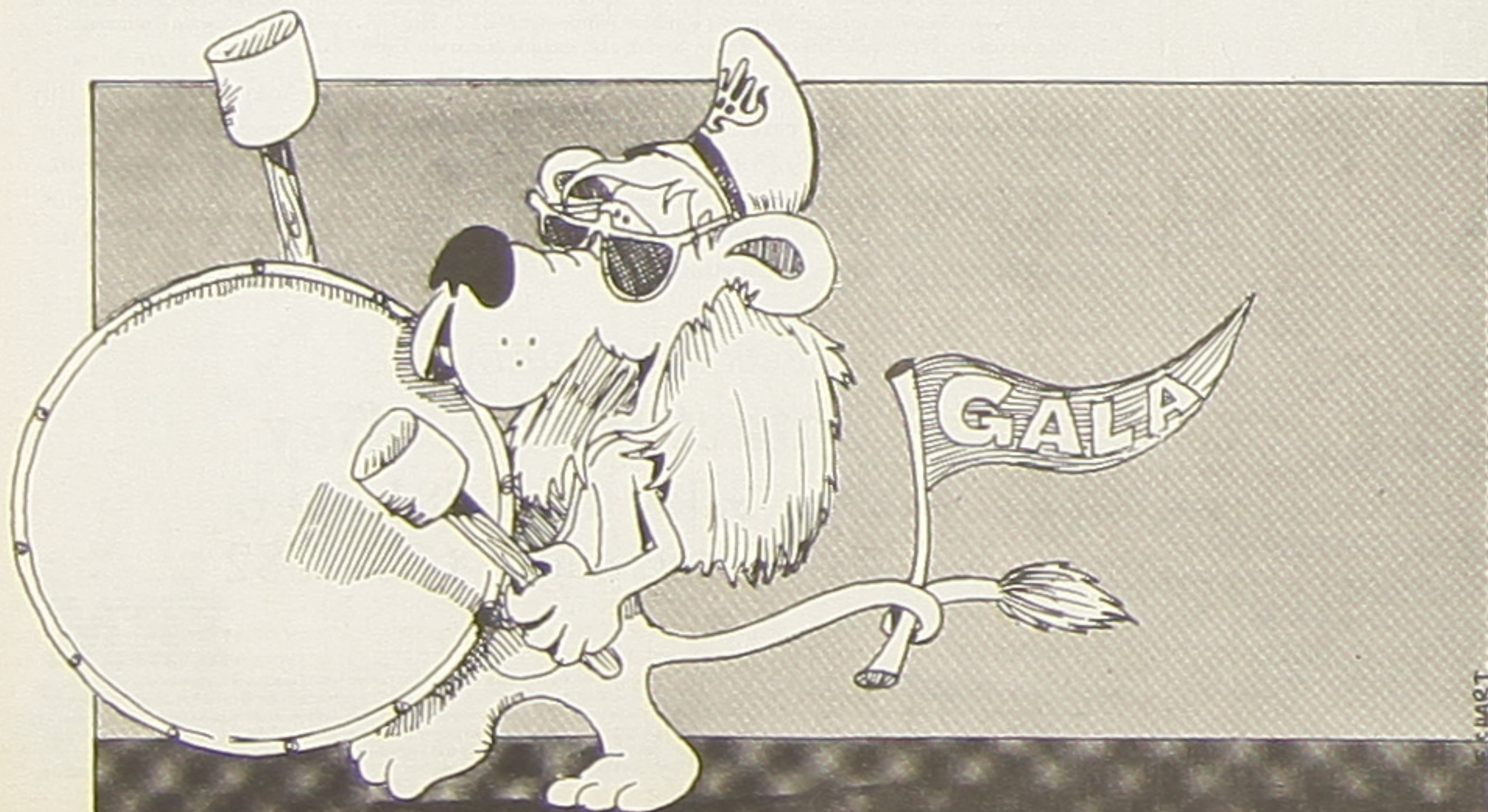
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# Tension builds in Israel

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Settlement has been part of the conflict in Palestine since European Jews began arriving in what was then an Ottoman province in the final decades of the 19th century. Land purchase and farming went hand-in-hand with defense to create an embryonic state in the years before the war of 1948. But when the rump of mandatory Palestine was conquered by Israel in 1967, settlement in the West Bank and Gaza Strip—as well as the Golan Heights and Sinai peninsula—got off to a slow start.

For the first decade after 1967, the only settlers were zealots motivated by the Bible or security. Though East Jerusalem was annexed to Israel, the status of the West Bank and Gaza remained in limbo, waiting for negotiations that never came. Under the Labour Party, what early settlement there was followed the line of the Jordan valley, as a tripwire against invasion from the east. Populated Arab areas were mostly left alone.

Only after the election of 1977, when the Likud Party ended 30

years of Labour rule, did settlement take off, expressly in order to make the return of the West Bank politically impossible. At the end of that year 5,000 Jews lived in the West Bank. Their numbers soared to 16,000 by 1981 and to 52,000 by 1985. The current estimate is that close to 100,000 Jews live in the West Bank, with another 130,000 in what used to be East Jerusalem and about 20,000 in the Golan Heights and Gaza Strip.

In the early 1980s Meron Benvenisti, the formidably energetic founder of the West Bank Data Project, began to notice a qualitative change. Settlement was becoming less ideological and more an extension of urban sprawl. Tempted by cheap mortgages and other incentives younger Israelis were fleeing overcrowded cities, especially in the conurbation around Tel Aviv, and heading east for a better life.

Though some settlements still start out as tents on bare hillside, the ones that matter are strikingly different. Ariel, halfway between the Mediterranean and the Jordan river, has a population of 10,000. Ma'aleh Adumim, east of Jerusalem on the desert road to Jericho, houses 15,000 people and is shortly to

become the first Jewish city in the West Bank. Like them, Kirat Arba, close to Arab Hebron, has smart villas and apartment blocks, schools, swimming pools and new neighborhoods spring up like mushrooms after rain.

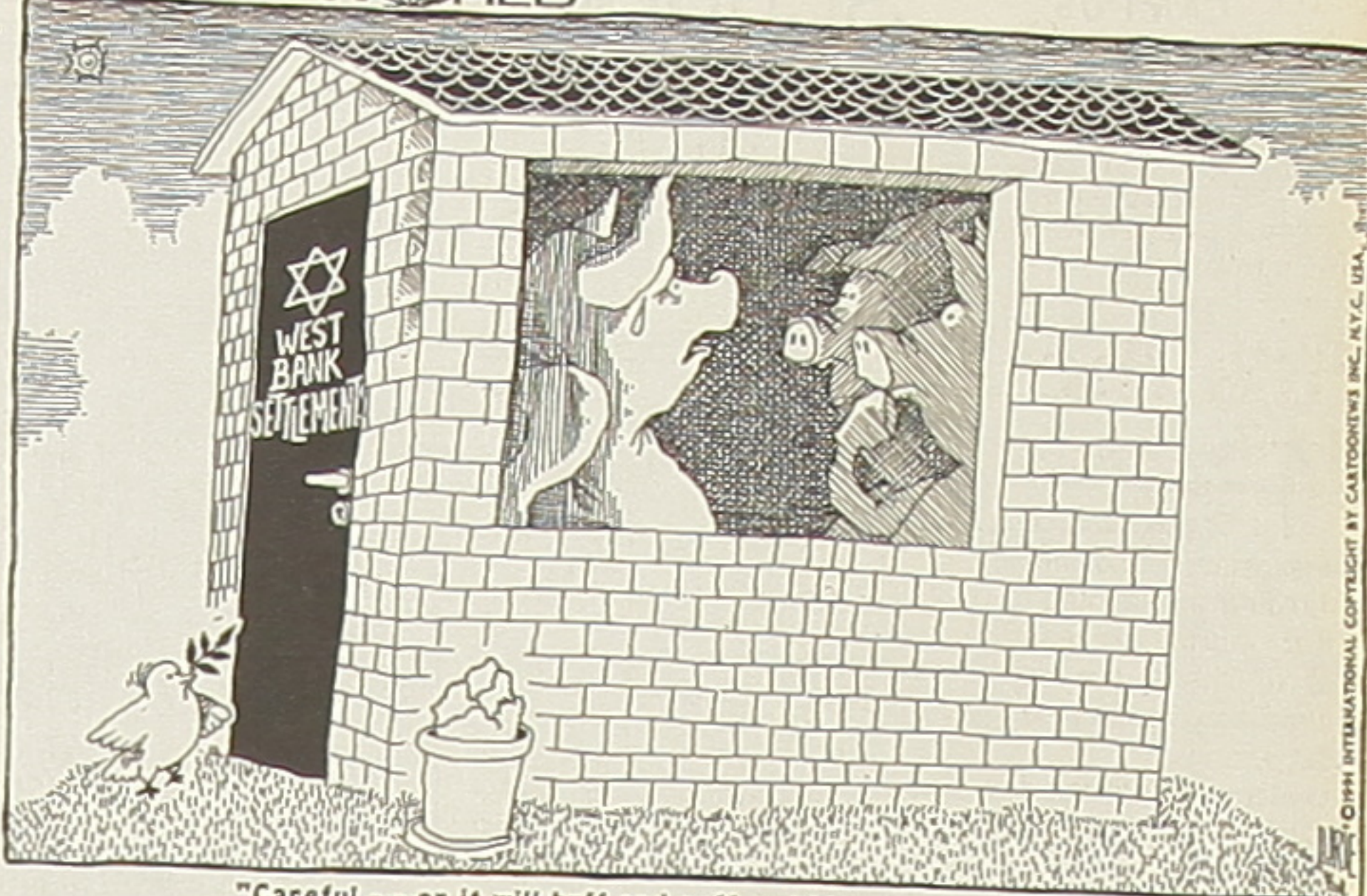
Spurred on by the gathering clouds of peace, construction has speeded up this year. Most of the recent work is "infilling," adding to existing infrastructure so that government spokesmen can announce new neighborhoods rather than new settlements. Mobile homes are towed in to place to be hooked up to water and power grids already laid down under some previous master plan. Soviet immigrants live in some of them, usually because it is the only accommodation they can afford.

Official Israel still refers to the "administered territories," but (for Jewish affairs) government ministries no longer have separate budgets for the two sides of the pre-1967 border. There are now between 130 and 140 Jewish settlements in the West Bank. Some are positioned, deliberately, with an eye to erasing the old border altogether. Last week Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, opened a new one called Tzur Yigal, just inside Israel. "Only stage two, with the video library and the supermarket, will be built in the colony," Benvenisti predicts.

This process is most striking near Ben-Gurion Airport, one of the narrowest points in Israel. Close by, in the West Bank, a cluster of Jewish settlements already exists. They are destined to become the eastern suburbs of Modi'in, a planned new city of 120,000 people inside Israel located conveniently mid-way between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The same trick of border-erasure applies at six urban points elsewhere, north and south. Inside the West Bank itself, Jewish and Arab villages mingle uneasily together in a pattern that would dazzle even a Yugoslav.

Benvenisti claims that the scale of the existing Jewish settlements renders irrelevant America's calls for a freeze on new ones. From the ground, to be sure, the settlements look immovable. An Israeli journalist reported recently that when residents of Ariel are asked about the possibility of giving up their town for peace "the response is either an incredulous stare or outright laughter." Benvenisti's critics say, with the Baltic states regaining independence, nothing is irreversible.

LURIE'S WORLD



## Hong Kong resident believes Chinese government unstable

By GIGI PANG

FRESHMAN MUSIC MAJOR

I will be celebrating my first birthday in America this month. Like many other Americans, my classmates think I am 19 or 20 years old. I am not. Actually, I am sure I am older than most of my classmates.

I like Joplin. Joplin is quiet and peaceful. There is a big difference between Joplin and the city which is my home.

I come from Hong Kong. Hong Kong is a flourishing city with skyscrapers, noise, and crowds. It is a large city confined to a small area with a population of more than six million people. Streets, buses, and subways are filled with people all the time. Everyone is always in a hurry.

I love Hong Kong. It is the place where I was born and grew up. Unfortunately, many people have left Hong Kong for other countries in the past few years. This is because they do not want to be ruled by the Red

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Chinese government after 1997.

The Chinese government is unstable and does not keep its promises. After the Tiananmen Square incident, many Hong Kong citizens make every effort to emigrate to Western countries.

Some of them use student visas to remain in other countries. After they graduate from college, they find a job and can stay longer. However, the most practical way is to marry a person who is a citizen of that particular country.

Many young people, especially girls, emigrated with only this on their minds. Because of this, it is much more difficult to get a student visa.

People who are married or do not have enough money to study abroad use another method to emigrate. They take specific courses which qualify them to fill employment needs in other countries. Two popular courses are plumbing and cooking. Many people gave up high salaries and became plumbers or cooks.

Some people sold all their property in Hong Kong and tried to settle

in other countries. They gave up high positions in Hong Kong and became messengers, newsboys, and milkmen.

In their new countries, they waited outside employment offices to beg for work. Frequently, they hold many jobs in order to earn a living. They gave up everything in a place where they were secure and emigrated to a place where they had nothing.

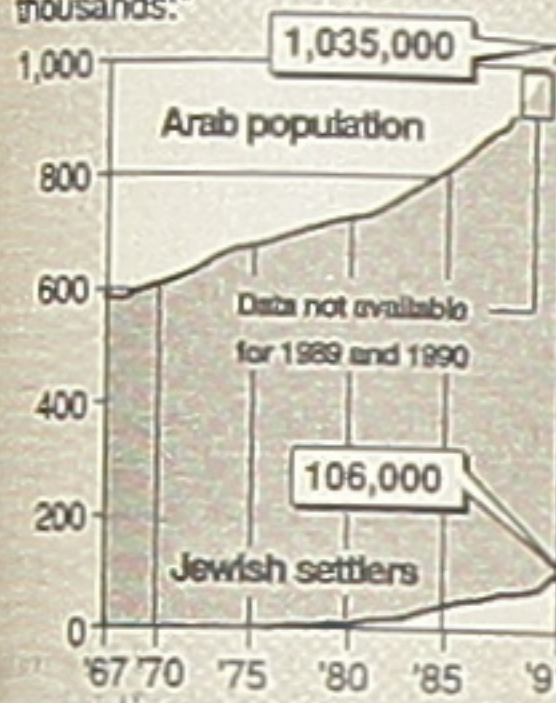
Some classmates at Southern ask me whether I would like to stay in America. I have not decided yet. I do not worry about my future, as I am a strong Christian. I know who controls my future!

If there were to be a reason that I should return to Hong Kong to serve the Lord, I would be very happy to do so. The most important thing for me to do now is to equip myself the best I can with education.

Everything has run smoothly for me since I came to America. I thank God daily for giving me the chance to study at Missouri Southern. My classmates are friendly and helpful. The professors are kind and interested in my progress. My three years at Missouri Southern will be of great value to me whether I return to Hong Kong or remain in America.

### West Bank settlers

Estimates for Jewish and Arab population in Israeli-occupied West Bank. This excludes East Jerusalem and surrounding area, which was annexed by Israel; in thousands.



■ 1991 estimate of Jewish settlers in Jerusalem, West Bank, Gaza: 250,000

\*Estimates vary by as much as 20%, depending on source

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## Iraq's nuclear weapons: new 'Manhattan Project'

Band of experts directs Hussein's bid for bomb

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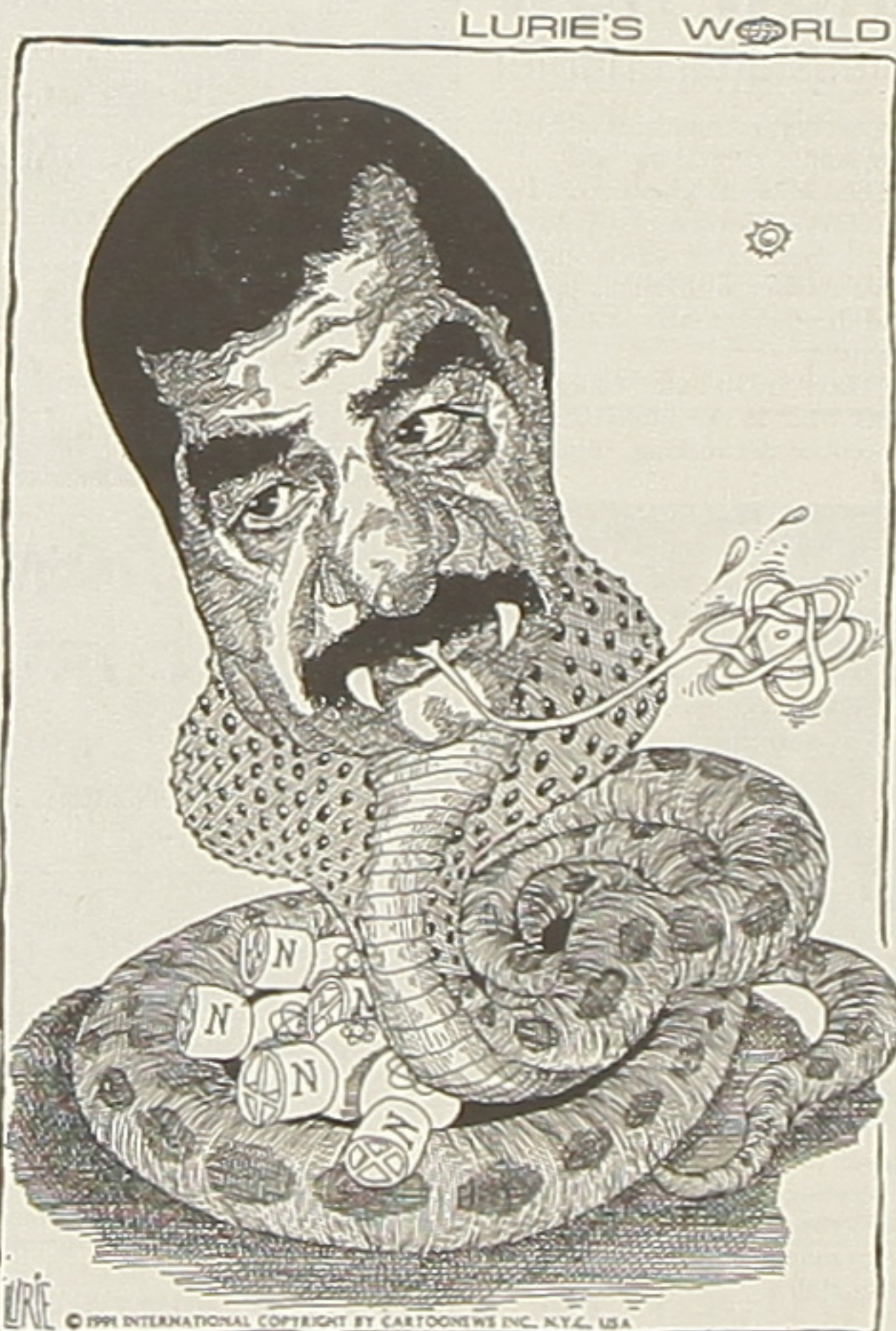
Iraq is running a Manhattan Project, who is its Robert Oppenheimer? Officials of the International Atomic Energy Agency, sifting through the files they have removed from Baghdad, may stumble on an answer. But the identity of Iraq's organizational genius, if not its scientific one, is already fairly obvious.

Hussein Kamal al-Takriti is the Iraqi defense minister. Before that, as minister in charge of both industry and military industries, he was the Iraqi equivalent of General Leslie Groves, the bluff American who built America's bomb. Unlike Groves, who was an engineer, Iraq's defense minister is no scientist, having prospered mainly by a wise marriage to Saddam Hussein's daughter. He nevertheless possesses formidable talents, including rudeness and a flair for getting things done. Some consider him the second-most-powerful man after the president.

Kamal has a technical protege, one Amer Hamoudi el-Saddi, who spent many years working in the military industries, and later became industry minister himself. He has a

doctorate (in chemistry) from the University of Munich and practical experience in the arms industries of Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia. With a German wife and a Prussian bearing, he is thought to have devised much of Iraq's program of non-conventional weaponry. Through his chief strength is rocketry (in 1987 he received rare public praise from President Hussein for his work on the al-Hussein missile), western analysts suspect him of having many other interests. With his mentor, he planned and oversaw the intricate procurement plan through which pre-war Iraq sought to arm itself with non-conventional weapons, including atomic ones.

Is he, though, the Iraqi equivalent of Oppenheimer? While he might find "weaponize" an Iraqi bomb—find a way to deliver and detonate it—he is more engineer than scientist. Jafer Diah Jafer, a physicist who trained at London's Imperial College and is now deputy head of the Iraqi atomic agency may be a better candidate. The frightening point is that, thanks to the Manhattan Project, Iraq needs no original geniuses. Good engineers and bags of money are enough to build your average holocaust.



Mother to be of all decelts

## 'Etat cultura' to suffer fate like the Berlin Wall

Universal language next in globalization

By GIANNA DEMICHELIS

LOS ANGELES TIMES SYNDICATE

Gianni de Michelis is the Italian Foreign Minister and Chairman of the World Arts Council. These remarks are adapted from a recent conversation with *Global Viewpoint* Editor Nathan Gardels at the World Arts Forum in Venice.

United we stand, divided we fall, as the saying goes. Such is the mentality required not only of the new Europe, but of everyone in an age where we are all linked by technology, depend on each other's trade, and share the same protective ozone layer.

Yet, how can interdependence be reconciled with the current passions of its opposite trend: the recovery and assertion of distinct cultural identities?

Reconciliation requires common languages—not just a spoken language, but other creative modes of communication with which we are familiar the world over, such as rock music or movies.

Only with universally shared languages can we manage the interconnections of globalization so as to avoid paying the price of lost identity. Inevitably, as French Minister of

Culture Jack Lang has warned, to talk of universal languages at this historical moment is to cede cultural supremacy not only to the English language, but to America.

American pop-culture dominance of the airwaves, the movie screens and much of the music scene is an undeniable fact—but a fact that could well be the most positive contribution of the Anglo-American presence in the post-World War II period.

To be sure, cultural imperialism is the opposite of intergration because it pushes the culture of the less powerful to the margins and tends to homogenize what is most commonly shared.

For example, the French tendency toward cultural protectionism is a form of disintegration that seeks to avoid contact for risk of losing one's soul. Lang's approach of regulating French cultural identity is just as negative as the French policy of protecting its agriculture, or its migration policy.

In the end, the whole idea of "etat cultura" (state culture) will suffer the same fate as the Berlin Wall. Walls are the architectural emblem of the age we have just left; bridges, of the age ahead.

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## Germany takes in political refugees

Only the far-right can be really happy with the election result in Bremen on Sept. 29. With sporadic attacks on foreigners by skinheads and neo-Nazis mounting throughout the country, the right-wing *Deutsch Volkspartei* in Bremen—campaigning for "Germany for the Germans"—nearly doubled its vote. It did so largely at the expense of the ruling Social Democrats, who took their worst election hiding in 40 years.

True, Bremen is Germany's smallest state and the far-right will still have only six of the 100 parliamentary

seats there. Even so, the vote should worry national political leaders in Bonn. The message from Bremen is to stop dithering and act to stanch the rising inflow of asylum-seekers, otherwise more Bremen-type upsets will be on the way.

Why the increase in xenophobia? Polls show at least 70 percent of Germans still favor granting asylum to foreigners persecuted for political reasons. But most also believe that the liberal right to political asylum laid down in Germany's constitution is being badly abused. Yugoslavia, and Turkey.

New arrivals have the right to stay while their cases are examined. Although more than 90 percent fail

to qualify as political refugees, many even then are not deported "for humanitarian reasons."

The center-right coalition in Bonn has tried to speed the vetting process for asylum-seekers and to ensure that more of those who fail to qualify really are booted out. But the Christian Democrats and their conservative Bavarian allies say real improvement will come only from a toughening of the constitution, ensuring for example that asylum applicants from democratic countries can be turned back at the border. That is rejected both by the Free Democrats, junior partner in the coalition, and the opposition Social Democrats. Without the sup-

port of both, the chancellor, Helmut Kohl, cannot muster the two-thirds majority he needs in parliament.

These factors and more combined in Bremen to favor the far-right. The Social Democratic mayor of Bremen, Klaus Wedemeier, won temporary local applause in the summer by taking drastic (his critics say unconstitutional) steps to curb the intake of asylum-seekers. Yet his party still lost nearly 12 percent of the vote compared with its showing four years ago, because a lot of voters did not trust the Social Democrats at national level to take a similarly tough stand.

The Christian Democrats in Bremen are cock-a-hoop after picking up an extra 7.3 percent of the

vote. Yet with 30.7 percent or the vote the Christian Democrats in Bremen are still not quite back where they were before their particularly disastrous result in 1987.

The Bremen result also confirms a trend towards vote-splintering which is making life tougher for both big parties, and making German politics more volatile. The Bremen Social Democrats could form a shaky coalition with a parliamentary majority of one seat with the Free Democrats, a hardly less shaky one with the Greens, an alliance with both Greens and Free Democrats as in Brandenburg—even a grand coalition with the Christian Democrats.



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## 17 TODAY

Karen Bostik, registered nurse, will give a wellness lecture covering breast cancer, mammography, and self-examinations from 12:05 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. in the House of Lords Room of the BSC.

Omicron Delta Kappa meets from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

Alpha Kappa Delta meets from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. in BSC Room 314.

ECM will gather from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC.

The Modern Communications Club will discuss the cultures of the Middle East, Far East, and Orient from 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. in Room 314 of the BSC.

The Bicycle Club will meet from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

The International Club will meet from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in BSC Room 311.

The Sociedad Hispano-norteamericana Pro-educacion will view Dr. Vernon Peterson's slides of Santa Fe, N.M., at 7 p.m. in Room 314 of the BSC.

## 18 TOMORROW

Today is the last day to drop classes with a 'W'.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes gathers from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. in Room 313 of the BSC.

The Board of Regents will meet at 1 p.m. in Room 314 of the BSC.

Southern Concepts will meet at noon in BSC Room 311.

## 19 SATURDAY

A Respite Care Training program will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Kuhn Hall Rooms 101 and 103.

The soccer Lions face the University of Missouri-Kansas City at 2 p.m. on their field.

## 20 SUNDAY

Kappa Alpha will hold a meeting from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

## 21 MONDAY

A CAB mini-concert, starring hypnotist Jim Ward, is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lions' Den.

Faculty Senate will meet at 3 p.m. in Room 313 of the BSC.

## 22 TUESDAY

The Administrative Council meets from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in BSC Room 310.

The Newman Club gathers from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC.

Phi Eta Sigma meets from 2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 313 of the BSC.

The Rodeo Club will meet from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

Koinonia meets at 7 p.m. at the College Heights Christian Church.

## 23 WEDNESDAY

The Baptist Student Union lunch will be from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

Alpha Epsilon Rho will discuss radio management with the management team from Z102.5 at 1 p.m. in BSC Room 314.

The Student Senate meets at 5:30 p.m. in BSC Room 310.

The Lady Lions volleyball team hosts Columbia College at 6:30 p.m.

## Schools to gain resource

By JENNIFER SEXTON  
STAFF WRITER

If demand does not meet supply, seven cases of the *Crossroads* yearbooks will go to area schools. According to Jean Campbell, adviser to *Crossroads*, if the yearbooks are not picked up by Friday, Oct. 25, the admissions office will distribute them to 40 or more area high schools.

"I don't think students realize the yearbooks are paid for if they were enrolled in 12 or more hours last fall and spring semesters," she said.

Yearbooks distributed to the high schools will be placed in their libraries as a resource and to interest prospective students.

"It visualizes the College for high school students," Campbell said.

Pam Werner, admissions counselor, agrees sending *Crossroads* to high schools is a positive move because high school students can actually see what Southern has to offer.

"We have organizations listed in the viewbook," she said. "But they [prospective students] can actually see the different things and the activities the campus organizations have done."

Campbell believes the yearbook is a good source of information.

"The yearbook is used to recruit students," she said. "Prospective students need to see the options that are available to them."

Campbell said if more people join its staff, the yearbook could improve and serve its purposes better.

"If more people were conscious about being a part of it," she said, "it would be a better source of information."

Campbell hopes students will pick up their copies before Oct. 25.

"They're worthless in the box," she said. "It is more important for the stories and the photographs to be in circulation."

Students interested in picking up a yearbook may contact Campbell in the communications department.

## HOT ON THE JOB TRAIL



Herman Johanson, of Mutual of New York, interviews senior marketing/management major Jake Knorpp at last week's Career Fair.

## Unlimited terms worries club

Signatures gathered for petition

By KAYLEA HUTSON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

One campus organization has figuratively pitched its hat into the 1992 political ring.

The College Republicans have begun working to collect signatures on petitions circulated by Missourians for Limited Terms.

Missourians for Limited Terms is a not-for-profit corporation working to have term limits for legislators placed on the 1992 ballot.

Currently, federal congressmen and Missouri legislators are permitted to hold office for an unlimited number of terms.

Missourians for Limited Terms and the College Republicans hope to change this by letting people vote on the issue.

According to Eric Weber, president of the College Republicans, the club became involved in the petition drive after Ken Thrasher, field representative for Congressman Mel Hancock (R-Missouri), spoke to the group on Oct. 1.

"We had a table set up at the mall [Oct. 5] soliciting signatures," Weber said. "We had people from approximately 20 counties, I'd say about 600 people, sign the petitions."

Diane Van Dera, public relations chair for the College Republicans, said she found public response to the issue positive.

"It went wonderfully," Van Dera said. "I was out there [at the mall] when Mel Hancock was there. The people enjoyed meeting Hancock, and he was out there supporting it [term limitation], which is really in-

teresting because this in effect limits his job."

Van Dera said response to term limitation especially was favorable due to recent scandals in Washington D.C. involving members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

"Many were interested because of the representatives who are writing hot checks," Van Dera said, "or what they are referring to as 'rubbergate.'"

Thrasher said the idea of term limitation is not a one-party issue.

"It's not just a Republican issue," he said. "There are a lot of strong Democrats involved throughout the state."

Thrasher said the petition drive is to allow voters in Missouri the opportunity to vote on this issue.

Approximately 38,000 signatures are needed from the seventh district.

"As it is now, people do not have the right to vote," Thrasher said, "to

decide whether or not there are limits placed on congressional term limits."

Thrasher said two petitions are being circulated throughout the state. One advocates limits on legislators' terms; the other supports limits on federal congressmen's terms.

While congressmen's terms would be limited to eight years, a senator's maximum term would be 12 years.

"It's not the people, but the majority system which would be affected," Thrasher said. "It opens the political process to people who want to run for office but don't because the incumbents have an advantage as the system is now."

Thrasher said the response of students involved in the College Republicans is encouraging.

"It's fantastic," he said. "The volunteers you get, the more you have."

## Club helps develop business know-how

Fraternity ponders professional chapter

By BRYAN MEARES  
STAFF WRITER

Phi Beta Lambda, the campus business fraternity, is working to develop future business leaders at Missouri Southern.

The club is designed as an international business organization, functioning to enhance a student's knowledge of the business community.

Karen Bradshaw, instructor of business and co-sponsor of Phi Beta Lambda, believes the club should be of interest to Southern freshmen.

"Phi Beta Lambda is the college edition and sister organization of FBLA (Future Business Leaders Association)," she said.

Activities have included bringing speakers to campus and sponsoring various social events. Past speakers have included an Atlas Powder Co. representative, the owner of several local McDonald's restaurants, and Nancy Disharoon, Southern's director of career planning and placement.

Bradshaw said the seminars cover topics ranging from time management to career development. She said there is some interest in developing a professional chapter of the fraternity for alumni and other business people.

"Administration has expressed interest in a professional chapter, which would help establish a good

rapport between students and business people," Bradshaw said.

The additional chapter could aid members in the concept of networking, a method in which students make contact with others in their field through business or academic activities.

"There are so many college students who do not understand the concept of networking," Bradshaw said.

She said most students do not worry about resumes until their junior or senior years. Bradshaw believes this is why few freshmen participate in the club.

Membership appears to have declined from last year when the Southern organization was the second largest chapter in the state.

This year's official count will be determined following the club's 12:20 p.m. meeting Tuesday in Room 102 of Matthews Hall. Phi Beta Lambda will install officers and initiate new members at that time.

Officers are Bryan Vowels, president; Mike Gray, vice president; Scott Donaldson, treasurer; Lisa Wallain, secretary; Bert Nichols, public relations; Rick Coffey, historian; and David Carey, parliamentarian.

Meetings are held at 12:20 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in Room 102 of Matthews Hall.

## Duwe receives editorship

Becky Duwe's appointment as editor of the Student Nurses' Association state newsletter came through a series of surprises last weekend at the Missouri Student Nurses' Association convention.

"It all happened very fast," said Duwe, junior nursing major. "I was approached on Saturday morning, they voted Saturday afternoon, and on Sunday morning they announced it."

"The whole situation was a surprise. I had not intended on having any position."

Qualifications for the position include being a member of SNA and attending all six meetings during the year. Duwe also said it is helpful to have substantial background and

knowledge of the organization.

The newsletter, *Nurses Notes*, is published four times a year.

"[It tells about] what kind of activities are going on in the different districts across the state," said Chris Eller, Southern's SNA adviser.

Eller said Duwe will handle the job well.

"I think she'll do a great job," Eller said. "She's very motivated and knows a lot about nursing."

Duwe said she has had some writing experience, but it was some time ago. Her duties on the newsletter will include collecting articles across the state and keeping the national magazine, *Imprint*, informed of happenings within Missouri.

## Homecoming Winners

Sweepstakes - R.H.A.  
Queen - Emily Casavecchia  
King - Greg Banks  
Bonfire Yell Contest - Football Team  
Participation Award - Library  
FLOAT - (1st) R.H.A.  
(2nd) L.D.S.S.A. - (3rd) Sigma Nu  
DISPLAY - (1st) L.D.S.S.A.  
(2nd) Sigma Pi - (3rd) - R.H.A.

## Slide show to suggest world community idea

Marlowe first to use theory in classroom

By P.J. GRAHAM  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Developing a sense of world community is a goal of a multi-media slide program to be presented on campus Oct. 28.

Joyce Roach, free-lance photographer, will show her program "Journey Into Light" to exemplify using creativity to gain a more positive attitude.

Dr. Ann Marlowe, professor of English, attended one of Roach's lectures this summer and says the slide presentation's use of poetic narration, music, art, and photography help people grasp Roach's message. Marlowe said the program made her realize things about life and her students.

"Her positive approach really enhanced my life," she said. "We [faculty] really do care about you guys [students], but sometimes we get so caught up in our schedules."

The slide program will be presented at noon, 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, on the third floor of the BSC. Roach will discuss the use of the photos at 1:15 p.m.

Though some instructors have expressed interest in using Roach's materials, Marlowe is the first at Southern to try it in the classroom. The materials include five still-life and landscape photographs which

students try to associate with the class curriculum.

According to Marlowe, the exercises, referred to as a multi-disciplinary program, help develop the creativity of the right brain.

"So many times, college focuses on that left-brain learning: memorization, regurgitation," she said. "What I'm really doing is making an association of ideas."

Dr. Rosanne Joyner, associate professor of education, is considering using the photos in her classes.

"I thought about it as a creative [exercise]," she said, "from an empathetic point of view where children are concerned; to see what they can relate it to."

Marlowe is acting as the liaison for anyone interested in obtaining one or more of the prints.

Marlowe said the theory may take some time to develop since this is the first semester she has used it.

"I only got this idea a week before classes [began]," she said.

Marlowe already is planning to use the multi-disciplinary theme in several of her classes next semester.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of Roach's photographs may contact Marlowe in Room 214 of Matthews Hall or by calling Ext. 648. Copies also will be sold at the slide presentation.

The prints will be approximately \$4 each with a complete set costing \$16, though prices may vary with the demand.

## IRS, L&P to attend function

By P.J. GRAHAM  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Panel discussions soon will answer some of the questions accounting students have.

Tomorrow, the Accounting Day, sponsored by the student chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants, will present two discussion panels to help answer accounting majors' questions.

Troylene Perry, chairperson of the event, said students will have opportunity to get a broad range of information.

"They will have a chance to ask questions they need to know answers to," she said. "What of education they need; what of experience they need."

The event, open to all accounting students, will begin with the panel discussion at 1 p.m. The will include representatives in the field of public accounting, and giving an overview of their organization they will open the floor for discussion.

The second panel, to be held at 2 p.m., will include representatives from Leggett & Platt, the Internal Revenue Service, the Missouri Department of Revenue, and the Agency on Aging. They also will open the floor to questions and a brief summary of their jobs.

Perry said the career day students other opportunities and asking questions.

"The more you meet and talk with accounting representatives," she said, "the better off you are."

After the panel discussions will be a reception from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Ramada Hotel in Joplin.

Last year was the first year Missouri Southern had the Accounting Career Day, but the chairs already have developed some to help students.

The group has compiled a list of resumes, approximately 30, and is counting majors to send to accounting firms. Perry said students received several responses from companies last year.



UPCOMING EVENTS  
CALENDAR

## MO. SOUTHERN

"The Spirit of the Beehive," third in a series presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; Billingsly Student Center

"Black Comedy," British farce presented by Southern Theatre; 7:30 p.m. curtain, Wednesday through Saturday, Oct. 26; Taylor Auditorium

## JOPLIN

Scenic Bikeways Tour: meet at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Carver National Monument near Diamond; ride 18 or 39 miles; \$10 fee includes route map, snacks, limited service; 781-1664

Foreigner live in concert: presented by the new Z102.5 and KSNF-TV; 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2; Memorial Hall

"Baillie and the Boys": two shows beginning at 8 p.m. today at Max's; \$12; 623-1055

## CARTHAGE

Dinner Theatre: "Boys of Autumn"; 6:30 p.m. today through Saturday; 1 p.m. Sunday; Stone's Throw Theatre; \$14; 417-358-9665

Maple Leaf Parade: southwest Missouri's biggest parade; 10 a.m. Saturday; begins on the Carthage square

Historic Homes Tour: noon to 6 p.m. Sunday; \$6

## SPRINGFIELD

"The Dreamer": weekends through Oct. 28; Stained Glass Theatre

"To Kill a Mockingbird": through Oct. 27; Springfield Little Theatre; 417-869-1334

Kenny Rogers with special guests Eddie Rabbit and Matraca Berg; Saturday, Nov. 9; Hammons Center; \$18.50

Ozark Kennel Club Dog Show; Sunday; Ozark Empire Fairgrounds; 417-881-2368

## TULSA

"Corpse": A comedy thriller/mystery set in 1930s London; presented by the American Theatre Company; through Oct. 26; Tulsa Performing Arts Center

Glen Campbell in concert: Oct. 26; Brady Theatre

## KANSAS CITY

Rod Stewart Vagabond Heart Tour 1991: 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26; Kemper Arena; 816-931-3330

"I'm Not Rappaport": A Tony Award-winning comedy by Herb Gardner; through Sunday; Missouri Repertory Theatre; 816-235-2700

"The Pecos Bill Show": through Sunday; Theatre for Young America; 816-648-4600

B-25 Airplane Exhibition: through Sunday; Downtown Airport; 816-942-1555

Bob Dylan: 8 p.m. Nov. 1; Midland Theatre; 816-931-3330.

Silent Film Classic "Phantom of the Opera": 3 p.m. Oct. 27 and 7:30 p.m. Oct. 31; Granda Theatre; 816-621-7177

## ST. LOUIS

"Buddy": The Buddy Holly story; Oct. 22-27; The Muny; \$12-\$33

Award-winning play "Other People's Money": through Oct. 31; Repertory Theatre of St. Louis

St. Louis Symphony: conducted by David Loebel and featuring violinist Dmitry Sitkovetsky; Oct. 25-26; Powell Hall; 314-534-1700

"A Soldiers Play": through Sunday; Black Repertory

Southern Theatre  
presents comedy

'Black Comedy' opens Wednesday

By DAWN ADAMSON  
STAFF WRITER

A starving sculptor, Brindsley Miller, stumbles around in the dark to bring laughter to the audience in Peter Schaffer's *Black Comedy*.

"*Black Comedy* is just complete, ridiculous humor," Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre, said.

The play was chosen to balance the season of shows. *Black Comedy* is a lighter play to follow the more serious play *The Shadow Box*, said Fields, who will direct the play.

"The whole show is just a laugh a minute," said Lawrence Alford, junior theatre major, "because it is one of those plays you can go to and leave with a pleasant attitude. It will be received a lot more favorably than *The Shadow Box*."

Alford plays George Bamberger and also is stage manager for *Black Comedy*.

Southern Theatre's production of *Black Comedy* will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Oct. 26 in Taylor Auditorium.

"The author is British," Fields said. "He was born in 1925. He wanted to be a playwright all his life."

Schaffer's works include such plays as *Amadeus* and *Equus*. Both were made into movies.

"Schaffer wrote *Black Comedy* in 1966," Fields said. "It played in New York for 337 performances. Before that, it played at Britain's National Theatre for one and a half years."

The play is a farce set in a present-day London apartment. Farces utilize comical accidents to bring laughter.

"A farce is possible, but not probable. It relies on bodily action or movement," Fields said. "There is a point to farce, and that is to entertain the audience."

The main character is a sculptor who is trying to impress a wealthy art patron into buying his work.

"In the middle of the evening, a power failure occurs," Fields said. "The rest of the play is about how they solve problems in the pitch black."

Since most of the evening takes place in the dark, the author reverses the lights. The play begins in the dark. The audience must accept that when the power outage occurs the lights will be turned on.

"We are dealing with the assumption that light is dark and dark is light," Fields said.

The cast stumbles around as if it cannot see because of the dark.

"We've had two full run-throughs of the show in blindfolds," said Brett McDowell, a senior speech/theatre and English education major who plays the lead as Brindsley Miller.

Being a farce, the play depends on planned accidents.

"The whole show is about obstacles," said McDowell. "I have to fall down the spiral staircase that's in the show."

*Black Comedy* will be ninth production Fields has directed since coming to Southern in 1987.

"I have never had a cast of people who have worked so closely together so easily," he said. "They are such a fun group and as hard working as any cast I have ever had."

Other cast members include Melissa Butler, Stephen Williamson, Stephanie Cain, Victoria Goff, John Kerney, and Patrick T. Worly, Jr.

Members of the technical crew include Steve Manderville, Mike W.D. Smith, Brandi Backer, Lyndall Burrows, Milli Hall, Cindy Hall, Cindy Henry, Jennifer Carroll, Brenda Jackson, Anne Jaros, Gina Small, and William Watts.

Play reservations can be made in Room 243 of Taylor Auditorium or by calling 625-9393. Tickets are free to students and faculty, \$1 for other students and senior citizens, and \$3 for adults.

## KEPT IN THE DARK



KAYLEA HUTSON/The Chart

(Left to right) Melissa Butler, freshman pre-physical therapy major, Brett McDowell, senior speech and drama education major, and Stephanie Cain, senior theatre major, rehearse a scene from 'Black Comedy.'

## Theatre fraternity attempts to limit number of projects

APO not like most social organizations, some members say

By LORI CLEVENGER  
STAFF WRITER

Nationally established Alpha Psi Omega, a theatre fraternity, has 15 active members at Missouri Southern this year.

According to James Carter, fraternity president, almost every college or university with a theatre department is involved with APO.

Becoming a member of APO can take two or three years, depending

on the point system regulations at each college.

"You get so many points for doing a major or minor role or doing a walk-in for the acting points," Carter said. "A fraternity committee will judge a student's backstage work to determine production points."

Other officers this year are Brett McDowell, Stephanie Cain, and Cindy Henry. Faculty sponsors are Brenda Jackson and Lyndall Burrow. The fraternity tries to meet

once a week, but Carter says it is difficult to find a good time.

"Being in theatre is difficult to set a scheduled meeting because people are auditioning and rehearsing all the time or in classes," he said.

APO finds itself doing projects more than anything else, according to Carter. This semester, the fraternity put together pictures of Southern Theatre performances from the last three years and hung them in the Green Room of Taylor Auditorium.

Other projects include starting a reader's theatre or story-telling program by APO members in area elementary schools. For the fourth year in a row, APO has been selected to inform schools on Oak Hill Hospital's annual Kid's Day. The fraternity will visit local schools, hand out pamphlets, and invite students to get involved. Carter also mentioned a canned food drive it plans to have during the children's play in December. They hope to distribute the food to needy children at Christmas.

"Over the past couple of years

we've tried to come up with too many things for APO to do, and by doing that nothing gets done," Carter said. "So this year I've pretty well limited the amount of things we do and have tried to get the fraternity to focus on a few things."

APO is not like most social organizations in that its members rarely have time for fun, Carter said.

"It's different from other fraternities because it's not a party fraternity," he said. "It's not a fraternity just to have fun—it's really hardly a social fraternity at all."

## COMING IN NOVEMBER



Photo courtesy of Columbia Artists Management Inc.

The Moscow Virtuosi, an internationally known ensemble, will perform in Taylor Auditorium Nov. 6. The event is being sponsored by Pro Musica.

## Moscow Virtuosi to play in Taylor Auditorium

By CRISTY SPENCER  
STAFF WRITER

Taylor Auditorium will be filled with classical music Nov. 6 as The Moscow Virtuosi entertains the area with its internationally known sounds.

The concert is being presented by Pro Musica, an organization that brings the area more in touch with classical music through performances and other events. Cynthia Schwab, founder, recently received an Arts Advocacy Award given by the Missouri Citizens for the Arts for her work with Pro Musica.

The Moscow Virtuosi is one of the world's pre-eminent chamber ensembles and has toured in Europe, Japan, North and South America,

and the Soviet Union.

Vladimir Spivakov formed the group in 1979 following his success of conducting the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at Ravinia. Besides conducting the Moscow ensemble, Spivakov is a regular guest conductor with the London Symphony, the Leningrad Philharmonic, the English and Scottish Chamber Orchestras, and the chamber orchestras of Dresden, England, Rome, and the Netherlands. He also performs as a soloist with the Houston and Pittsburgh Symphonies and as a conductor and soloist with the Vancouver Symphony. He performs his solos with a 1716 violin made by Venetian maker Francesco Bogetti.

The Moscow Virtuosi made its North American debut in 1987. Two

years later, it returned for a 24-concert tour. In 1990 it returned once again, performing at the Hollywood Bowl, the Ravinia Festival, the Proms in London, and came back for return engagements in Toronto, Montreal, Philadelphia, and New York at Avery Fisher Hall. This performance is part of a tour that will end in one of America's most prominent music halls.

"Joplin is sharing in some of the same music that will play in New York in Carnegie Hall," Schwab said.

The concert also will feature many works from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart to commemorate the 200th anniversary of his death in 1791. Ensembles from around the world are paying the same tribute to Mozart this year.

Schwab encourages everyone to attend the event, even if they are not used to this kind of entertainment. "I think everybody should give classical music a try," she said.

The performance is set for 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6 in Taylor Auditorium. There will be a post-concert gala reception in Phinney Hall for Spivakov, the ensemble, and those purchasing patron tickets for \$50, which includes a program listing and preferred seating. Other tickets are available for \$10-\$18 and can be purchased at Southern's box office in Billingsly Student Center or at Ernie Williamson Music, 611 Main Street, Joplin. For more information, persons may call 625-9366, 625-0360, or 1-800-634-0975 Ext. 360.

Spanish  
color film  
to show

The award-winning Spanish color film, *The Spirit of the Beehive*, will be the third program in the 30th anniversary season of the International Film Festival presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society.

The film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

*The Spirit of the Beehive* is the story of an imaginative, lonely child lost in the maze of an embittered land. In rural Spain in 1940, two young girls see the movie *Frankenstein* when a cinema truck comes to town. The youngest of the girls becomes so obsessed with the film that she seeks to make it reality. Convinced that the monster is not dead, she searches the barren countryside day after day looking for him.

Director Victor Erice used little camera movement and inspired his cameraman to evoke a mood of loneliness, sorrow, and terror. Erice understood children, and one in particular, played by a little girl named Ana Torrent.

An excerpt from the *Daily Telegraph* reads: "The film endows these adventures with a poetic, haunting quality...partly because of the extraordinary quality of the child actress who plays Ana, whose sweet, serious little face is a marvelous mirror for a whole range of emotions, especially wonder."

Season tickets for the remaining eight film programs are still available at \$7 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and students.



# Council, Chamber seek litter law enforcement

Signs, abatement letters to help curb violations

By JOHN HACKER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Discussions of garbage and littering dominated a meeting Monday between the Joplin City Council and a committee of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Council and the Chamber's community enhancement committee discussed ways to reduce the litter problem on city streets and private property.

Dan Stanley, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, said the business community places a high

"It's not; it's a city-wide problem."

A number of different remedies were discussed at Monday's meeting.

These included establishment of a minimum fine of \$50 for those convicted of littering, posting signs on major streets warning of the fine, adoption of a hot-line for citizens to report littering and excessive refuse on private property, and creation of a letter to be sent to those reported on the hot-line.

Mike Talley, city attorney, said there are four sections of the city code prohibiting littering on streets as well as on private and public property.

difference," he said. "Signs will stop a few people, but it's changing attitudes that we need, and enforcement does that."

Many complaints come in the form of phone calls about dilapidated homes and garbage and appliances in yards, Martin said.

One man, Larry Crowell, nuisance inspector for the city of Joplin, inspects the property and finds out who owns it, he said. Abatement notices are sent when the owners are identified.

"We've handled over 3,000 nuisance violations in the past year," Martin said. "Probably 85-90 percent of the cases are abated by the notices."

The money needed to beef up enforcement of litter laws is not available in the city budget, Martin said.

A one-year catch-up program to help decrease the backlog of cases would require hiring one new person for that year at a \$25,000 cost to the city.

Beautification of Joplin has been a priority of the Chamber for about three years.

"It was the consensus of the board of directors that beautification and enhancement was a critical need in our community," Stanley said. "Coming from that was the creation of the community enhancement committee."

The committee utilizes a number of incentives and programs to promote beautification.

"Twenty-one businesses and organizations have adopted 21 locations in Joplin," Stanley said. "That represents a tremendous commitment by those organizations."

The committee also gives awards each month to an outstanding business and an outstanding residence.

**"It's enforcement that makes the difference. Signs will stop a few people, but it's changing attitudes that we need and enforcement does that."**

—Leonard Martin, Joplin city manager

priority on solving the litter problem.

"Of all the programs launched by the Chamber in the last few years, this has generated the most interest among members," Stanley said.

"All you have to do is look outside and see that there is a lot of litter," said Dan Chiodo, chairman of the enhancement committee. "You have to take certain steps to make the community look as good as it can."

Leonard Martin, Joplin city manager, said litter is a wide-spread problem and not confined to any one portion of the community.

"The myth is that it's only a problem in poor neighborhoods," he said.

A general littering ordinance, section 26-7 of the city code, is the most widely enforced ordinance, he said.

"The penalty for littering is a maximum \$500 fine or 100 days in jail," Talley said.

Chiodo said Joplin does not have signs on the streets denoting the penalties for littering.

"We would say having litter fines posted is one of the most important things we could do," he said. "The signs might make motorists think twice before littering."

Martin said signs posting the fines for littering would have little effect.

"It's enforcement that makes the

## DON'T TRASH THIS



Litter lays along Range Line Road between 12th and 13th Streets. The community enhancement committee of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce hopes signs announcing fines will prevent such scenes.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Harold Crowther, post-graduate psychology major, sweeps the floor at the McDonald's restaurant, 1130 Range Line. The restaurant was redecorated to feature photos of life at Southern.

## Bicyclists to raise funds for trails coalition

### Tours to begin at Carver Monument

By LESLIE KARR  
STAFF WRITER

Area cyclists will get a chance to show their stuff when the third annual Scenic Bikeways of Joplin Bicycle Tour gets underway Saturday.

The tour, sponsored by Bicycle Specialists, will begin at 1 p.m. at the George Washington Carver National Monument near Diamond.

The \$10 entry fee includes a route

map, snacks, and limited SAC service. People wanting to participate will need a bicycle, helmet, water bottle mounted on bike, and a spare tube and tools to install it.

The tour will consist of two optional courses. The two will be a 39-mile tour on paved roads, and an 18-mile tour including some dirt and gravel.

Cliff Walker, owner of Bicycle Specialists, said the distance will not pose a problem.

"By this time of year active cyclists have already been involved in tours," he said. "So that is why I chose this distance."

Changes have been designed for the increasingly popular mountain bikes.

"Mountain bikes are more involved than ever before," he said. "They ride on the less traveled byways, while not as hilly, will be just as pretty and more challenging for the mountain bike cyclists."

Walker stresses that the tour is open to anyone with a bike, not just the experienced rider.

"Primarily more avid cyclists will be attracted to this, but I encourage less experienced people to try it also."

Vehicles and members of the Joplin Trails Coalition will be on the

routes to assist cyclists, Walker said.

"If someone feels they are unable to continue or need minor repairs, we will be there to help out."

Proceeds from the tour will support the Joplin Trails Coalition. Its goals are to improve area cycling conditions and establish paths.

"Our main goal is to develop the Frisco Greenway Trail," Walker said. "It would be a very safe and convenient way for all to develop their sport with few traffic hassles."

"The Frisco Greenway Trail will be especially attractive because it will be a 4.37-mile-long trail between Joplin and Webb City."

## Training program increases efficiency provides experience at Joplin airport

By SUSAN HOSKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Joplin Regional Airport and the Federal Aviation Administration are working together to keep the skies safe.

Many of the men and women trained by the FAA as air traffic controllers get their training here.

According to Robert Scheurer, the FAA's air traffic manager, the program has a perfect record.

"We have a 100 percent success rate at Joplin," he said. "Everyone who has trained here has gone on to other towers."

Scheurer said the training program has increased the efficiency of

the airport. According to Scheurer, airport operations have increased 50 percent since 1981.

The Joplin airport has participated in the program since it began. It became qualified as a training center because it had enough landings and departures.

Prospective air traffic controllers first must take an entrance exam in Oklahoma City, Okla. If they pass the test they proceed to the classroom phase of the training. After classroom training, they then are assigned to a tower for training. Scheurer said the process can take anywhere from six months to three years.

According to Scheurer, the Joplin

tower allows trainees at least five hours of training time a week. There are only two trainees, but Scheurer believes when the present staffing starts to decrease more trainees will be scheduled.

One of the trainees, Dorine Smith, said the actual tower training offers more than the classroom instruction.

"A lot of the training is more hands-on," she said. "You can learn a lot from the books, but when you get up in the tower and actually talk on the radio, it is totally different."

Smith is a co-op student; she also trained at Wichita and the Kansas City Center. She became an air traffic specialist when her ex-boyfriend convinced her to take the entrance

test. She passed and was offered a job for the summer.

Trainee Joe Albers decided to go into air-traffic controlling because of his uncle. "My uncle is a retired traffic controller," he said. "He steered me into it and told me about the exam given in Oklahoma City."

Albers said Joplin is a good place to train. "Here, everything is laid back and everyone is willing to help you out," he said. "At Oklahoma City, it is basically classroom training for what you need to know to work in the tower."

"Once you get here, they (the supervisors) know you have the training and the capabilities, and they want to help you. It is really a lot of fun."

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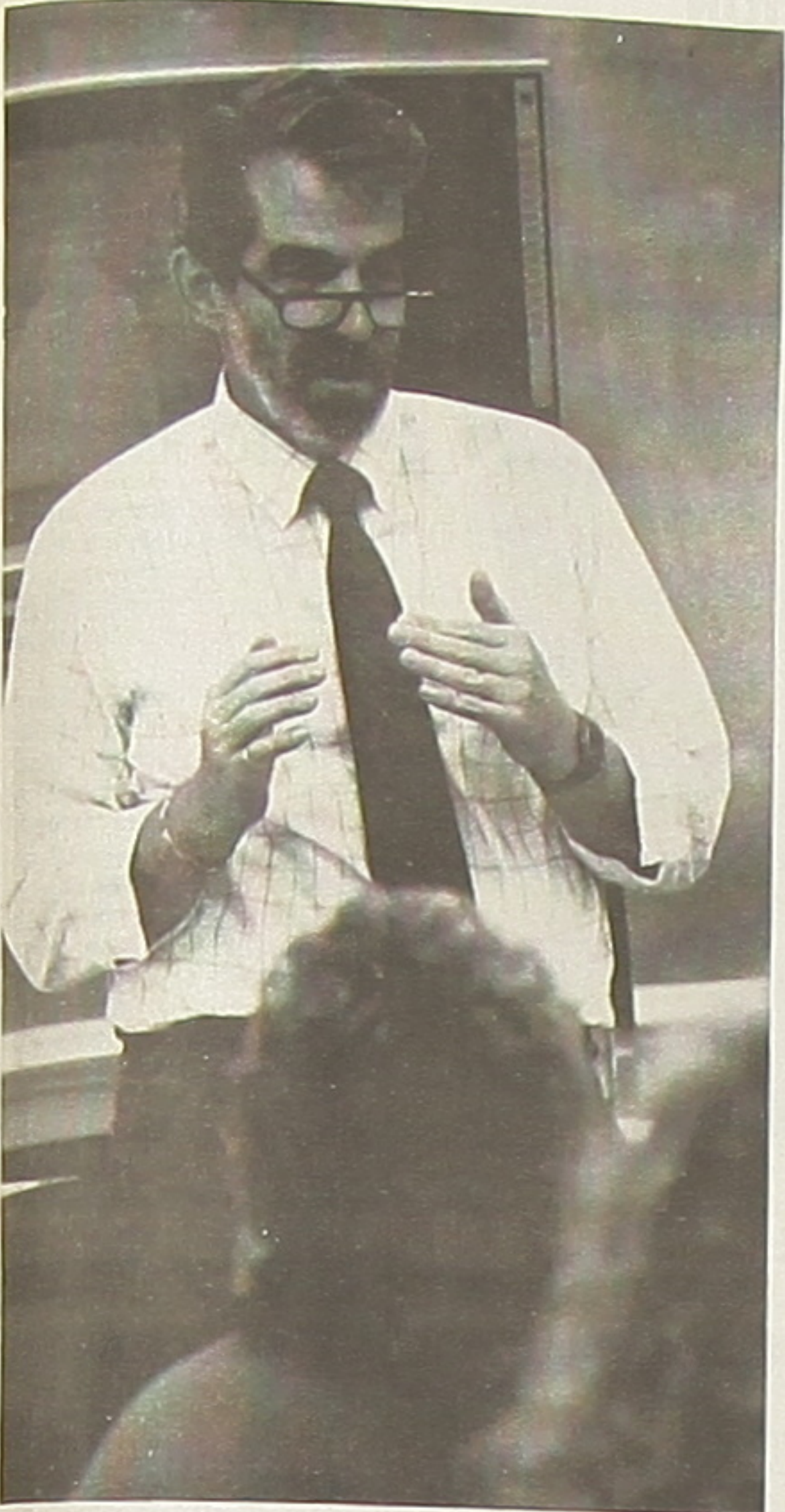
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## A HELPING HAND



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Randal Becker, associate professor of education, spent his youth in special education programs. Now, Becker tries to help others.

## Personal battle inspires Becker

Professor wants to impact special education field

By JASON LONON  
CHART REPORTER

You may not know it just by talking to him, but Dr. Randal Becker has a learning disability. Due to complications at birth, Becker, associate professor of education, suffers from a neurological disorder that impairs his ability to read, spell, and remember names.

Becker, 47, has spent most of his early years in special education programs, if they were available. "From childhood on I've been battling special ed. in schools," he said, "because when I started there was no such thing as special ed., so my parents had to really push the school to get services."

Becker became interested in the field because of his own experiences as a special education student. His wife and daughter also attended special education programs during their school years.

"I always wanted to have some impact on the field," said Becker, who is new to Missouri Southern's faculty this fall.

Becker started college at Illinois State University, but soon left to enter a two-year technical school where he earned a degree in medical technology.

After working as an X-ray technician in the mid-1960s, he re-enrolled at ISU and earned a bachelor's degree in speech and language and a master's degree in learning disabilities.

ities. He then went on to earn his doctorates at Loyola University of Chicago.

After college, Becker co-founded the Illinois Division for Children with Learning Disabilities and served as the organization's president. He also ran a diagnostic education clinic for children aged 5 to 18 at Concordia College in River Forest, a suburb of Chicago. Later he became director of habilitation services for an Association for Retarded Citizens project in Peoria, Ill.

"I was in charge of all the programming for 634 adult mentally retarded clients," he said. "So that gave me a good experience, and then I was ready to come back to college." Becker's interests include the restoration of his 1964 Thunderbird. The car was featured in a Chicago newspaper after it had taken a third-place finish in The International Cup car show. It also has won the North Regional American car show.

Some of his career goals have already been met. His research has helped to change the way that Illinois certifies teachers. He was instrumental in getting House Bill 150 passed, which states that classroom teachers must take the "exceptional child" course while training to become a regular education teacher.

He has yet to achieve his life's goal in which he envisions a world where none of the children suffer a handicap. He wants to have a positive impact on special education.

The only advice Becker gives to students entering the field of special education is: "It's a very tough field, and you have to be dedicated to helping kids or you will not be successful. There's a lot of heartaches involved."

## SHOW YOUR SMILE



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Tia Marie Strait, instructor of dental hygiene and a Southern student, supervises a student's work in the dental hygiene clinic.

## Graduate returns to teach hygiene

By BEN AGGUS  
CHART REPORTER

Around the age of 14, Tia Marie Strait decided she wanted to go into dentistry.

"There were no female dentists at the time," said Strait, who now teaches dental hygiene at Missouri Southern.

At 14 she started to observe and help Dr. Richard Barlet of Carthage. After a year she was hired part-time as an assistant.

Strait worked part-time until the end of her sophomore year at Southern and then moved with her husband, Thomas, to Kansas City.

In Kansas City she worked for Coca-Cola as a quality control microbiology technician. "It was a great job," said Strait, who worked for Coke until her husband completed school in Kansas City.

Strait, who started teaching here in August, also is enrolled in classes at Southern to continue her education. She holds an associate's degree in dental hygiene from the College.

She hopes to get her master's degree in health care administration. "I'd like to continue my education so I can be a better teacher," she said.

Strait, vice president of the Missouri Dental Hygiene Association, recently received the award of outstanding dental hygienist in the state.

With a full schedule of teaching

and going to class as a student, Strait's hobbies are limited. "Family" is her main hobby, but occasionally she likes to cross-stitch, a hobby which she says demands complete peace and quiet.

"I would someday like to travel to foreign countries," Strait said.

Russia, Germany, and Australia are just a few of the places she would like to visit. "They don't have as many hygienists in Europe," Strait said.

She told of one man who was visiting in the U.S. and wanted to get his teeth cleaned before returning to Europe. He couldn't find anyone in England who specialized in teeth cleaning.

Tristan, 4, and Tara, 10, are Strait's pride and joy. She describes her son, Tristan, as "multi-talented," and her daughter, Tara, as "the piano player."

"Adequate" is how she describes her office space. Her desk sits in a cubicle along with some lockers and a refrigerator.

"I do wish I had a window," said Strait about her office. "My plant is starting to die."

One of the activities the Southern dental hygiene program currently is involved in is research for OSHA. Research is being conducted in infection control and communicable diseases as they apply to dentistry.

Her students practice in the clinic across the hall from her office.

## Office services clerk has multiple talents

By HONEY SCOTT  
CHART REPORTER

Denise McClain, office services clerk, can do more than just sort mail.

As a child she learned to play four musical instruments: the accordion, piano, clarinet, and organ.

"My parents started me in music lessons in the first grade," McClain said. "My parents didn't have the opportunity to play, and they wanted my sisters and me to learn."

"My first instrument was the accordion," she said. "Then I learned to play the piano when my sister started playing; it was easy with a piano around the house."

"In school I learned to play the clarinet so I could join the band," McClain said. "And at age 16, the church I was attending got a new organ and needed an organist. After six free lessons I was playing it, also."

As office services clerk, McClain is in charge of the mailroom, located on the first floor of Hearnes Hall. Her duties include sorting incoming and outgoing mail, handling UPS

shipments, and posting mail for various departments. In addition, she is in charge of ordering office supplies for faculty.

McClain moved to Joplin in January, when her husband, Chuck, was transferred from the Pillsbury branch in Terre Haute, Ind. Joplin is the only other town she has ever lived in, she said.

According to McClain, Terre Haute and Joplin are comparable.

"Joplin is very similar in size to Terre Haute," she said. "But Joplin has a slightly lower cost of living."

In comparison to Indiana State University in Terre Haute, McClain said the location and size of Southern impressed her.

"I like the size of Southern better than Indiana State," she said. It (ISU) had taken over the downtown area. I like the way Southern is off to itself."

In Indiana she worked for the social services department as a working leader in the records department. She was primarily in charge of public assistance programs.

"I enjoyed working for the state,"



Denise McClain

McClain said. "So I liked the idea of getting to do that again at Missouri Southern."

McClain started at the College Aug. 8. She previously was employed at Kelly Contemporary Services in Joplin as an office manager.

"At Kelly there was a lot of pressure on me," she said. "I don't have that here."

With less pressure on her McClain said she can relax and enjoy time

with her family.

Her daughter, Julie, a sophomore business major, transferred to Southern from Indiana State. She works in the circulation department of Spiva Library. Tammy, McClain's youngest daughter, is a junior at Webb City High School.

The advice McClain gives her two daughters is the same she would give to Southern students: "Finish your education so you can get a good job."

## Secretary likes atmosphere, variety of job

By VIRGINIA WHEELER  
CHART REPORTER

Variety makes work and life enjoyable for Debbie Martin, secretary to the faculty for mathematics and sciences.

"The people, the variety, and contact with everyone" are reasons she

likes her job. "It's a lively atmosphere," she added.

Home life in Diamond with three children and a basset hound named Sebastian is filled with variety, too.

"We don't do much exciting, but it's never dull," Martin said.

Sixteen-year-old Shad plays in the rock band Wreckless Lies. He started

playing guitar at age 7 and will "definitely pursue music as a career," Martin said. "He has known since he was little what he wanted to do."

"I wasn't surprised at all when he announced he had decided to be a rock star. He has tons of confidence and is very devoted. He practices all the time. It's all he does."

Daughters Chelsea and Season, 10 and 7, "love rustic camping at Sugar Creek. Three miles down a gravel road, trying to fish, and digging worms" are the girls' weekend fun, according to Martin.

"Shad would like it more if he could take all his friends along," she added.

It was nine years of variety that made Martin thrive in her previous job as administrative assistant for the Special Olympics in Joplin.

Her job description there included "everything," she said. "I wrote newsletters and program books for the summer games, designed T-shirts, and helped with fund raising. I organized and ran the state Special Olympics fine arts festival, did PR-type work, and chaperoned the Special Olympics at LSU (Louisiana State University) in '83 and Notre Dame in '87."

She grew with the job. Following high school graduation Martin served as secretary for the Joplin Regional Center where the Special Olympics was an adjunct to the Center's ser-

vices. Charles (Chuck) Smith, recreation director of the Regional Center, became the Special Olympics' state director. "When the budget allowed, he hired me," Martin explained.

Smith suggested that the Special Olympics office be moved to Jefferson City after 13 years in Joplin. The state agreed it was sensible to relocate the office there, but Martin was not as flexible and saw her job move away.

"It made me sad. I missed the crazy work. I had a chance to be creative, with lots of responsibility, where I worked on my own," she said.

The variety of Martin's interests is revealed in the courses she would like to take at Southern.

"I've taken some psychology classes and love it. I plan to take more," she said.

A painter and crafts hobbyist, Martin said, "I love art. I make take some art classes."

"I'm really interested in physical therapy. I think I would enjoy working as a therapist's aide and see people benefit from what I did. Maybe I'll do that some day."

For now Martin is working full-time and leading the self-described "hectic" life of mother.

"The kids are most important right now. It's always, 'Mom, Mom, Mom.' All night long."



Ellen Johnson

## Crime lab secretary finds job challenging, interesting

By HEATHER SIMPSON  
CHART REPORTER

From bass fishing to teaching a physical education class and raising two children, Ellen Johnson has led a busy life.

"I don't have much time to do a lot of things," said Johnson, secretary for the Regional Crime Laboratory at Missouri Southern. "But I love to bass fish."

Johnson, who joined the staff in 1983, has responsibilities that range from bookkeeping procedures to assembling rape and gunshot kits.

"I've learned a lot of skills," she said. "Some days it gets hectic, but I don't have any complaints. I love it here."

After the death of her husband in 1980, Johnson began searching for a job.

"I hunted all over. Then, I received this job. It just happened, and it is probably one of the most interesting jobs I've had or will have."

"I was a physical education teacher before marriage, then I had my children," she added.

Johnson has two grown children,

both of whom live in Joplin. Her son, Jon Johnson, is the chief accountant at Southern.

Her husband, Delbert, taught in the music department at Southern and originated the name of the Lion Pride Marching Band.

Johnson said her job is so interesting that she looks forward to getting up in the morning.

"My job is challenging and interesting," she said. "I read and hear things that are confidential. I love to keep secrets."

Between raising two children and being a housewife, Johnson found time to receive her bachelor of arts degree from Wichita State University.

As if working everyday isn't enough for Johnson, she also takes a class at Southern.

"I'm taking Introduction to Micro-Computer to try and learn what goes on behind that screen," she said.

Perhaps she hasn't done all that she's wanted to do, but she's happy with her life.

"I'm just lucky to have what I have," she said. "I've had a good life, a good marriage, and I'm perfectly happy with the way things are."



Debbie Martin



## SBU next for Southern

Lions, 5-1, seek to avenge loss

By RON FAUSS  
STAFF WRITER

Looking to avenge last season's 24-10 loss, the football Lions will travel to Bolivar Saturday for a 1:30 p.m. contest with Southwest Baptist University.

The Lions, 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the MIAA, face a Bearcat team coming off a 43-34 victory at Missouri Western. SBU is 4-2 overall and 2-2 in the conference.

With the Miner's Bowl showdown against Pittsburg State only nine days away, some might fear Southern would look past the Bearcats. But that is not the case, according to Jon Lantz, head coach.

"The kids have some unfinished business to take care of up there," he said. "I think we will be pretty focused."

"We want to go up there and beat them because of what they did to us last year," said junior wide receiver Rod Smith said.

Lantz said his main concerns are the Bearcat offense and playing in Bolivar.

"They can put some points on the board, and the atmosphere is so tough to play in," he said.

To combat the family day atmos-



### Lions vs. SW Baptist

1:30 p.m. Saturday  
at Bolivar, Mo.

phere at SBU, the 15th-ranked Lions will dress for the game in Joplin and get to Bolivar around noon.

"We have a job to do," Lantz said. "We just want to go up there, take care of business, and get home."

The Bearcats are fifth in the MIAA in scoring offense and seventh in total defense. The Lions are first in offense and second in defense.

Southern is not taking the Bearcats lightly, however.

"This will be the toughest MIAA team we have faced so far," said Lamonte Blanford, assistant coach.

The Lions are coming off a 42-6 Homecoming shellacking of the University of Missouri-Rolla. Charley Finley, Rolla head coach, was not pleased with his team's performance.

"We really came out flat," he said. "We had no intensity and didn't really seem to want to play."

Finley, whose team fell to 1-4-1, said the performance by his players took nothing away from that of the

Lions.

"Right now the Lions look to be the team to beat in the MIAA," he said. "They came out and dominated the line of scrimmage and the game very early and never gave us a chance to get back in it."

Although they will be facing a ranked opponent, SBU's head coach said the Bearcats have all the motivation they need.

"We feel we are playing the best team in the MIAA," Jim Hall said. "They are very good all around and are very well coached. But their ranking does not add any more motivation than we would otherwise have to play Missouri Southern."

Bearcat offensive coordinator Wayne Haynes said the Lions have a number of solid players.

"The Lions play a very aggressive brand of football," he said. "[Junior linebacker Greg] Prosak is one of the premier linebackers in the MIAA."

Hall said he, too, was impressed with the Southern personnel.

"The Lions have a lot of very talented skill people," he said. "They still have [senior wide receiver Heath] Helsel and [senior running back Cleon] Burrell, and they have added Marques Rodgers who looks like an NFL player to us and Rod Smith to an already powerful offense."

"We'll have to play mistake-free football in order to win."

## HEAD-ON COLLISION



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Freshman linebacker Jody Hoffman fights off a block to stop Missouri-Rolla running back Carlos Cain in Saturday's 42-6 win.



CHAD HAYWORTH

## Let's end feud now

When children argue, they often are told to "kiss and make up." But what do you do when the fighting is between a high school and a college?

For years, there has been a silent feud between the Missouri Southern and Webb City High School football programs.

Webb City arguably is one of the best high school football programs in the state. Yet none of that talent ends up in a Lion uniform.

Most Webb City players with college-level ability go on to Pittsburg State University or Central Missouri State University.

Why?

Maybe because John Rodgers, a highly touted Webb City linebacker, went to PSU in 1986. Maybe because Jerry Kill, now PSU's offensive coordinator, led the Cardinals to 14-0 state championship season in 1989.

Chuck Broyles, PSU head coach, said he thinks many athletes will go where they feel most comfortable. "I'm sure the many ties to the Webb City program cannot do anything but help the Gorillas come recruiting time."

But what about CMSU?

CMSU just plain out-hustled everybody to get Webb City players to go to Warrensburg. Steve Gollhofer, Webb City athletic director, said he had seen CMSU recruiters talking to Cardinal players five or six times last year.

"A lot of people associate us with PSU because of our proximity to them," he said. "In fact, we are probably closer to CMSU."

Closer than Southern?

Jon Lantz, Lion head coach, said Southern makes a few token appearances in Webb City, but nothing ever seems to come of it. In fact, it's been several years since a Webb City player had any impact on the Southern program.

"We've had Webb City people on the squad, but none of them stayed and played," said Jim Frazier, men's athletic director and former Southern head coach. Said Lantz, "I don't have a war with them or anything. But I know how Southern is perceived at Webb City. I just don't think Webb City knows how it is perceived by outsiders."

The biggest disagreement seems to be with on-campus housing for recruits. Gollhofer said Southern only offers to pay tuition for the athlete, expecting him to live at home. The Webb City players would rather move away from home.

Granted, not many freshmen at Southern get full-ride scholarships, but expecting them to live at home is an absolute fallacy, Lantz said.

"One of the Lantz rules is that players must live on campus," he said. "I just don't think an 18- or 20-year-old is ready to be living on their own with no supervision."

"If I have a player from the Joplin area who wanted to live at home with his parents, I would make a deal with him."

The 1991 Lions have four players who do not live on campus. Three are married, and junior linebacker Cecil Howard lives with his parents in Carthage.

PSU requires all freshmen to live on campus, but after that Broyles does not put any housing restrictions on top of what the university mandates.

Terry Noland, GMSU head coach, said he has his freshmen live on campus, but if a player shows maturity and retains an acceptable grade-point average, he can move off-campus as a sophomore.

With Southern striving to make the NCAA Division II playoffs, it needs the caliber of athlete Webb City has to offer. Webb City can only benefit from the exposure it will receive by having its athletes stay close to home and play for a winner. It could be a win-win situation.

Kiss and make up, guys.

## 500 fans turn out for event

By STACY CAMPBELL  
STAFF WRITER

After kicking off the season with Midnight Madness on Monday, the basketball Lions continue practice in preparation for their first game, Nov. 22 in the North Alabama Tournament.

Robert Corn, head coach, thinks Midnight Madness, which drew almost 500 fans, was a good experience.

"The response from the students and community was tremendous," he said. "We had no idea what to expect, and we thought whatever the turnout we could build on it. It was really pleasing."

Corn said he would like to see the event be an annual occurrence.

"We will have to wait and see about next year because the timing has to be right for it to work," he said. "With the success of the fall sports, the timing was right and the turnout was good, which shows positive feedback on Missouri Southern."

Corn will emphasize three main areas in preparation for the season.

"We will work on our conditioning and try to get in better shape than last year," he said. "Second, we are putting more of an emphasis on defense because we need to be a better defensive team than we were last year."

"We also have to get our timing and execution together on offense."

The Lady Lions basketball team started practice Tuesday afternoon. It opens the season Nov. 22 at the University of Central Arkansas.

Scott Ballard, head coach, looks for the early practices to help mold the team together.

"We will be working on funda-

## TWO POINTS



CHAD HAYWORTH/The Chart

James Thibault, junior computer science major, participates in a lay-up contest at Monday's Midnight Madness.

mentals, which is a big thing, and with eight new people we are starting with a whole new group," he said. "Conditioning will be a factor and learning our philosophy of playing."

## Team to put 5-0 mark on line

### Lady Lions in MIAA round-robin

By STACY CAMPBELL  
STAFF WRITER

Trying to improve on its 5-0 conference mark, the Lady Lions volleyball squad travels to Kirksville this weekend to participate in the second MIAA round-robin tournament.

Debbie Traywick, head coach, thinks the tournament could be good for the team.

"It could be very interesting if my team puts it all together," she said. "There hasn't been a match this season where we have played everything right."

"It will be interesting if each of the players plays up to their potential."

Southern, 20-8, opens play at 1 p.m. tomorrow against Missouri Western, then plays the No. 10 team in Division II, Central Missouri State University, at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, the team opens with Southwest Baptist at 10 a.m., then plays No. 14 University of Missouri-St. Louis at 1 p.m.

Last weekend, the Lady Lions traveled to the Florida Southern College Lady Moc Invitational.

Southern came away with a fourth-place finish in a tournament field that included several ranked teams.

In pool play Friday, the Lady Lions defeated Alaska-Anchorage 15-9, 15-7, 13-15, 6-15, and 21-19, then lost to 13th-ranked Florida Southern 13-15, 5-15, and 3-15.

They completed pool play with a 15-7, 15-4, and 15-5 sweep of Florida Atlantic.

On Saturday, Southern suffered two defeats in the tournament to ranked teams. The Lady Lions lost to eventual tournament champions and 18th-ranked Tampa, 0-15, 1-15, 15-11, and 5-15, and then fell in the third-place game to 15th-ranked New Haven 13-15, 13-15, and 12-15.

Traywick said the last match was a little disappointing.

"We felt we could have beat New Haven, and that would have been good for us," she said. "They beat Air Force, who is ranked in our region, so it would have been nice to beat

them."

Sophomore Lori Fausett thought the tournament helped the Lady Lions.

"It boosted our confidence and showed us how we did against teams which we can compare how other teams in the area did against those teams," she said. "It was a good experience for us."

Traywick thinks it helped the team evaluate where it stands.

"It will help us down the road and it shows us how far off we are," she said.

Sophomore Sheri Haynes thinks the tournament will help the team this weekend in conference play.

"Playing the better teams will help us when we play teams like CMSU and UMSL which are both ranked," she said. "It will help because we played against teams of their same caliber."

Fausett thought the tournament and trip helped the team's unity.

"Just making that long trip helped us to bond together even closer as a team, and we trust each other even more," she said. "This will help improve our play."

## Soccer Lions to end layoff today

By CHAD HAYWORTH  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

After nine days of rest, the 5-5-2 soccer Lions will travel to Kansas City today to face Rockhurst College.

Rockhurst, 13-1, is ranked third in the NAIA soccer poll. Junior goalkeeper Jim Kantola said defense could be the key to staying in the game with the Hawks.

"We have been working on tighter marks on defense," he said. "We can't allow any uncontested shots. We have to stay in their face."

Southern's mental attitude will be

a factor, senior co-captain Butch Cumisky said.

"Mentally, we have to understand we can beat them," he said. "If we go in thinking we're going to lose, then we will."

The Lions will play the next two games at home. On Saturday, the University of Missouri-Kansas City is here for a 2 p.m. game.

"They have a new coach, Kelly Ross, who played at Rockhurst," said Scott Poertner, Southern coach. "I think they will be better than last year."

On Wednesday, Benedictine College is here for a 3:30 p.m. game.

The team's .500 record is a good foundation to build on, Cumisky said.

"We just have to play like we can," he said. "We have the talent, the skill, and the ability. It's just inconsistencies that hurt us."

"If we buck it up and play, we will win our last eight games. It all depends on our attitude."

Kantola said the team was starting to come together.

"We have a couple of seniors who realize these are the last few games of their careers," he said. "They certainly don't want to go out below .500."

## MIAA meet next for runners

By NICK COBLE  
STAFF WRITER

The Missouri Southern cross country Lions wrapped up their regular season Friday with the MSSC Invitational.

Slated as a low-key meet, Southern played host to Southwest Missouri State, Northeast Missouri State, Johnson County Community College, and Oral Roberts University.

In the men's division, Southern went toe to toe with SMSU. However, bad luck hit when Kern Sorrell was forced to drop out at the three-mile mark due to an Achilles' pull. With Sorrell no longer in the hunt, SMSU edged Southern 30 to 41.

Jason Riddle and Joe Wood finished 3-4 with an identical 26:04. Eddie Avelar was 10th (26:58), followed by Troy McCubbin (14th, 27:34) and Allen Moss (15th, 27:38).

In the women's division, Northeast Missouri State took first with 24 points, followed by Southern, Johnson County, and ORU.

Brenda Booth won the women's race, finishing at 18:44. Renee Artherton was seventh (19:33), followed by Stephanie Wigger (ninth, 19:58),

Debbie Williams (13th, 20:24), and Rhonda Cooper (15th, 20:29).

Booth was named runner of the week by the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Southern will take a week off to prepare for upcoming conference action. The MIAA championships on Saturday, Oct. 26 will be hosted by Southern.

"Everyone has had a good opportunity to train on our course," said Tom Rutledge, head coach. "We don't try to hide anything or change the course to get a home field advantage."

"If we beat someone, we want them to be at their best."

Rutledge said the conference test will be a tough one, citing in particular a Pittsburg State squad with a good senior group as well as a Central Missouri State squad which runs well in a pack.

Sorrell, Southern's No. 3 runner, does not expect his injury to sideline him.

"I'm trying to stay positive and stay focused toward conference," he said. "By the end of the week if it gets better, I should be up to full force."

## COME ON, FASTER



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Senior Eddie Avelar (No. 601) receives encouragement from Coach Tom Rutledge as he tries to catch a Southwest Missouri State runner during the MSSC Invitational Friday. Avelar finished 10th at 26:58.